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#50 East 70 St.

June 15th
1891

My dear Dr. Gillespie -

Your letter of the 13th reached me on Saturday as I was leaving the city for Albany.

An unusual strain of work is on me. I must speak tonight; be present at an important Committee meeting tomorrow, & settle policy for work in British universities next fall; farewell addresses must be delivered on Wednesday and Thursday nights. all my packing must be

completed before Friday night
when I go to my steamer.

Notwithstanding the
press of work I should
accept your invitation
for the Committee meeting
this afternoon did I not
feel unwell and had I not
already handed in my
application in writing.

May divine wisdom
be given to the Board in
this matter, is my earnest
prayer.

Yours very sincerely
Robert P. Wilder

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January 30th 1891

Dear Dr. Gillespie -

Please find enclosed
a draft for (\$700) Seven hundred
dollars towards the purchase of
machinery for Mr. John Jolly's
industrial work in India.

The gentleman who
pays this amount wishes it
to be distinctly understood
that the money is to go towards
this special object. If it is
not used in furthering Mr.
Jolly's industrial project in
India the amount must
be refunded.

I trust that you have
written Mr. T. H. P. Sailer a
letter encouraging him to
contribute towards Mr. Jolly's
enterprise -

Yours cordially
Robert P. Wilder

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DR. GILLESPIE'S

BOOK

Schenectady, Jan 3 1891.

My dear Dr. Gillespie -

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that on New Year's night, two ladies in Michigan promised to pay \$720 annually towards the salary of Mr. & Mrs. John Jolly.

The gentleman who had previously promised the salary has kindly resigned in favor of these ladies and offers to pay \$700 towards the machinery for this industrial work.

So we have already \$1420 towards the \$3000! I shall not cease praying and working until the balance is secured.

Last night it was my pleasure to speak at the prayer

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meeting in the Church of Dr.
Raymond of Albany.

Because of the inclemency
of the weather only about
two hundred were present.

But God touched their hearts.
\$627 dollars were pledged and the
spirit as a "nucleus" of the can-
vass is to be further pushed.

It has been a great pleas-
ure to me to spend my Xmas
vacation thus helping our
Board of Foreign Missions.

Yours most cordially
Robert P. Wilder.

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Feb. 3rd 1891

My dear Dr. Gillespie -
Please return the
enclosure from Mr. Sailer.
My sister writes as follows
Dec. 31st 90:

"A definite action from
the mission goes home to the
Board about Mr. Golly - and it
does seem now that we are to
have him come to us.... How won-
derfully God is leading with
reference to Mr. Golly! We have
been stirred to action, and now
your letter comes, tonight with
Mr. Golly's enclosure. Why do
we not trust God more when
He works so wonderfully!"

Yours in haste
Robert P. Wilder

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A. P. Wilder.

Wilton House-

PERMANENT ADDRESS,
BROWN SHIPLEY & CO, BANKERS,
LONDON, ENGLAND.

Oct. 10th,

1892.

My dear Speer-

Let me thank you with my own hand for the letter which my sister has acknowledged. It was most welcome since it was one more evidence of your friendship. Do continue to pray for me.

Please find enclosed the report which will, I trust, elicit from the Board more prayers for the new movement. as I think of the past year, two thoughts are uppermost - God's strength - my weakness. He has helped me.

Kindly thank Dr.
Gillespie for his letter of
the 2nd ult. and tell him
that my wife has written
to Norway for letters from
her pastor and physician.

May God keep you
safe from the perils of success
or failure.

Your sincere friend
Robert C. Wilder.

P.S., Oct. 15th -

Not satisfied with the
work done by the type writer
here I tried one in London.
Hence the delay in sending
the enclosure.

I have not sent any
account of my work to the papers,
since I desire the Board to have
the first report; but there are
many friends who would like
to know what God has been
doing through me. So I ask
a great favour.

After the report has
been presented to the Board
will you please send a copy
to Mr. Williams, of "Young Men's
Era"? Do you think it worth
while to send to any other
paper? I leave this entirely
in your hands. Please send
me bill for having report
copied.

Yrs in great haste
R. C. Wilder.

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REPORT OF ROBERT P. WILDER
TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE U.S.A.

Gentlemen of the Board:-

In the special contract adopted by you in connection with my appointment are the words - "It is the purpose of this appointment that Mr. Wilder shall for a period of two years under the general control of the Board devote himself to work among the student classes of India." Words leading to the inference that you would require no report until I should reach Bombay and enter upon the work for which you commissioned me. Since, however, Secretaries Gillespie and Speer write of your desire to learn of work done by me in Great Britain and Scandinavia, I send you with pleasure the following report:-

During the voyage across the Atlantic, I received many helpful suggestions from Dr. Ellinwood.

I reached London July 6th 1891. Of the friends given to me here I would especially mention the Rev. R. Wardlaw Thompson of the London Missionary Society, J.E.K. Studd of Cambridge and Canon Girdlestone of Oxford. Eugene Stock, Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, by inviting me to address the Keswick convention (attended by many students) opened for me the doors to the British Universities.

July 11th I went to Oxford. The 12th was spent alone and with God, leaving Him to decide whether I should go on to India or delay in England. On the 13th I called upon the Rev. F.J. CHAVASSE of Wyckliffe Hall. He sent me to his

brother-in-law, the Rev. H.C. Squires, President of the Oxford University Church Missionary Union. Here, where my father had been known, I found a home throughout my stay in Oxford. Knowing the character of Oxford men and the transient effect of ~~the~~ temporary stirs and spasmodic appeals, Mr. Squires advised that I should become a special unattached Student for three months and thus work quietly among the men. This I purposed to do had health permitted.

AT KESWICK I was privileged to be the guest of Mrs. MacInnes and to thus meet Bishop Tucker of Uganda, C.T. Horan, President of the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union and other prominent workers. After my address at this Keswick convention, Lord Kinnaird and Mr. Hill invited me to Scotch Universities, while Dr. Bannerman asked me to address the approaching Perth Conference. Later two Glasgow men sought counsel on how to begin a Student Volunteer Movement in their University. Also a request that I address a meeting of University and Theological Hall Students in Edinburgh was even preceded by another for meetings at Cambridge the following month.

I could no longer doubt. The Holy Spirit had made it plain that I should delay my passage for work among British Students. By my Physician's advice I went for a seven week's rest to Norway and thus -

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHRISTIANIA was the first European University to be reached. At this meeting arranged by Countess Wedel Jarlsberg, Sept. 18th, Pastor Hansteen was my interpreter. About two hundred students were present and forty remained to an after meeting to consider the personal claims of foreign missionary work upon their lives.

I also spoke to a large audience in the Young Women's Christian Association and to a Drawing Room Conference of

Ladies.

In the train I was introduced to A.N. Kiaer, Direktør for det Statistiske central bureau. He expressed a deep interest in the story of the Student Volunteer Movement and gave me a card of introduction to Professor Westergaard of Copenhagen. This card opened Denmark, for on Monday Sept. 21st Mr. Moorhead and I called upon the Professor. After hearing the story of the American movement his only remark was - "let us pray." We poured out our petitions to the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth more University men into the whitening fields. In the silence of my heart petitions rose that the Danish students might join our movement. The answer was swift and certain. On rising from our knees the Professor asked me to visit Copenhagen University. The time seemed ripe. Much interest was being taken in the inner mission. Students were meeting in groups for Bible study. Now the outer mission should be presented. I promised to return in March for this work.

On arrival in England it was necessary to abandon all thought of work. My doctor expressed grave alarm and ordered a six months voyage to New Zealand. We compromised upon three months. It was a great disappointment to give up plans for a quiet work at Oxford where I had hoped to spend three months building up a movement which the Oxford men might carry to other Universities. Cambridge was postponed until February, and my steps were turned to the Continent. It may be that those three months of prayer accomplished more than three months of speaking would have accomplished. I thank the Teacher for the lessons learned in that time of waiting, lessons of trust and obedience.

At last He let me press into the open doors and see the desire of my heart, for early in April the prayers of three years were answered and a British Student ^{Volunteer} Movement was

formed.

EDINBURGH, JAN. 15th to the 21st. I spoke here eight times. Saturday night to the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Association, Monday at the Free Church College - Professor W.G. Blakie, D.D. in the Chair. Tuesday at the ^{United} Presbyterian College, and so forth.

The largest meeting was on Sunday night in Odd Fellows Hall. Professor Henry Drummond in the Chair. Here I reached about five hundred students.

The Board may be interested to know that the Foreign Missions Committee of the Free Church of Scotland gave me a hearing and expressed a deep interest in my future work in India.

The success of the meetings in Edinburgh was due largely to the wise planning and counsel of Dr. and Mrs. Simpson.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY, Jan. 24th to 26th. On Sabbath night I spoke to one hundred men. The small attendance surprised me until I was told that this was the largest meeting since the origin of the Christian Association. In the matter of audiences this University is far behind Edinburgh, but in it I found promise of a deep and permanent work. The Missionary men were quiet but on fire with new purposes, and when a Scotchman is on fire it means a steady burning. On Monday I spoke at the Free Church College. There were four new decisions during my visit.

Never shall I forget the meeting on Monday night when fourteen men signed our covenant. One expressed the thoughts of many when he mourned his mistake of silence. Long had his purpose been fixed, but he had not tried to enlist others. All resolved to work for recruits and now there are ^{forty} ~~thirty-four~~ Volunteers in Glasgow. Seventeen of this number are in the Free Church College. Out of five honor-men in the

^{third}
~~second~~ year four have volunteered. Since my visit the Glasgow Volunteer Band has done good work in the matter of publication. One of their pamphlets please find enclosed. I wish that it or something similar might be circulated among our Presbyterian Churches.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. Work was commenced Feb. 6th by a short reading in Trinity College upon the intellectual, *This was followed on the Sabbath by a missionary Bible reading* devotional and practical methods of Bible ~~reading~~ ^{study} to [^]sixty men in Corpus Christi College. This was so used of God that at the request of Cambridge men I have enlarged and printed it.

Sabbath night I was privileged to address about 220 University men in Alexandra Hall.

Feb. 8th about 160 students assembled in the Henry Martyn Memorial Hall. They met under the auspices of the Cambridge University Church Missionary Union. The Rev. H.C.G. Moule took the Chair and introduced me to one of the largest and most enthusiastic Student audiences on this side of the Sea. God gave the speaker unusual power. His words fell into hearts prepared by the Holy Spirit and there came a quick response. In the after meeting thirteen volunteered, among them the President of the Inter-Collegiate Christian Union.

Each day between eleven and one I promised to be in Newcourt Hall Trinity College to meet men individually and to have a frank talk over difficulties. On Monday one man came, Tuesday there were four present, Wednesday seven and on Thursday nine. The chief subject under discussion was the condition of the heathen. Since two hours daily seemed insufficient one night from 8.30 to 11.30, I gave the men a Bible reading. The fellows took full notes. God spoke through His word so clearly that I think all were convinced. That conviction led to action. It was belief in the lost state of the heathen that led the President of the Inter-Collegiate Christian Union and others to volunteer. The words spoken to men in groups or

individually, at the table or on the street, bore fruit and there were some twenty new decisions for foreign work during my visit.

At one of the remaining four public meetings, students were present from Girton, and Newnham Colleges. Another was a conference on organization. Here I presented my plan for a British Volunteer movement - a plan which had been wrought out in prayer. Of the five men present at this Conference one was an alumnus and four were undergraduates. I give their names because of the important bearing of this conference upon all that followed. C.T. Horan, President C. I. C. C. U., R. MacInnes, Secretary of this Union, E. Millar, Honorable Member of the Union and who has been connected with nearly every religious organization in the University, and Louis Byrde, Secretary of the Church Missionary Union. All were agreed that an organized movement was necessary, but there was a wide difference of opinion as to the nature of the organization. During the following weeks much prayerful thought was given to this subject and as a result we met in unanimity of spirit at Edinburgh in April. Three of the four Cambridge men were present and the results of that Inter-University Conference were due largely to its Cambridge delegates who favoured (in its main outline) the plan presented to them by me seven weeks before.

Feb. 22nd to 25th I again visited Cambridge and was most cordially received. On Monday night I followed the Rev. Mr. Gordon of Uganda at the Church Missionary Union. I also spoke at a room meeting in Corpus Christi College.

One thing however stood in the way of the forward movement. In 1889 to 1890 the Students' Foreign Missionary Union was formed, with head quarters in London and branches in Oxford, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Belfast. Only two men in Cambridge knew of its existence. The Glasgow branch expressed

dissatisfaction with it and wished to organize at once upon the lines of the American movement. At my earnest request the Cambridge and Glasgow men agreed to defer action until I should confer with leaders of the S.F.M.U. It seemed to me most unfortunate that there should be two movements in the field where one ^{should be} ~~was~~ all sufficient. Accordingly, after much prayer I met the Committee of the S.F.M.U. in London, Feb. 29th. I frankly presented to them some criticisms and strictures upon the existing organization. They agreed to merge their Union into the forward movement. This step taken for Christ's sake was a precious manifestation of His Spirit.

LONDON, February 26th. Through the kindness of the Rev. R. Wardlaw Thompson I was privileged to address the annual meeting of the Student's Missionary Association connected with the Baptist, Congregational, Presbyterian and Wesleyan Colleges. The meeting was held at New College, St. John's Wood.

March 1st. it was my pleasure to address the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, many of whose members had been high Officials in the Indian service. After I had outlined the work I hope to do among Hindoo Students, I was asked to tell of the origin and growth of the Student Volunteer movement.

On leaving Salisbury Square I went to Cambridge for my third visit, since my help was asked in forming a Cambridge Branch of the Student Volunteer movement. I met with forty Student Volunteers who adopted the pledge of the American movement and made the organization inter-denominational. I was delighted to see how warmly Churchmen who were in the majority welcomed the few non-conformists into this organization. Much care was taken in the selection of a committee. It was chosen by ballot with earnest prayer before each ballot. There were no nominations. The Holy Spirit seemed clearly to indicate His choice. All were practically agreed as to who the three men

should be. Before the year closed the organization could report -

1. Sixty-eight volunteers in this University.
2. Much Bible study on Missions.
3. More prayer for Missions.
4. Much personal work.
5. Several Public Meetings addressed by Cambridge Volunteers in Derby, Penrith, Carlisle, etc.

COPENHAGEN, March 6th to 10th. As the guest of Count and Countess A. Moltke, my first meeting was a Drawing Room gathering of about 100. Among others present was Prince William, brother of the King of Denmark and Count I. Moltke, head of the Court of the Crown Prince. Both seemed much interested in the Missionary Movement among American and British Students. The latter came to our Student Meeting and showed his interest by a gift of £50. This meeting I addressed without any interpreter.

The following day when some 200 University Students were present Pastor Ussing interpreted. Here one Student arose and with much feeling told of his purpose to become a foreign Missionary. This act must be viewed in its surroundings to realize how much it meant. Scandinavian men form purposes but they keep them locked up in their hearts fearing demonstration and avoiding publicity.

The next evening I met men individually in Pastor Steinthal's room. After answering their questions and thoroughly explaining our pledge I secured three signatures. From this room meeting we went to the Hall where I addressed about 240 students. Every seat was taken and many stood through the meeting which lasted an hour and a half. God used me more I think than at the previous meetings. My interpreter, Pastor Steinthal, is a splendid English Scholar, loyal to Christ and his work - a man of prayer and led by the Holy Spirit. He threw his whole soul into the subject.

Monday evening I spent in Conference with leading Students at Edinburgh. The time seemed ripe for forming a British Movement. April 2nd and 3rd were the days best suited to Cambridge. Only two weeks remained in which to work up the Conference, but God helped us. While the Edinburgh men made arrangements for entertainments and sent out invitations I visited Glasgow and Oxford to secure representation. On Tuesday night I brought the matter before the Glasgow men and they voted to send a deputation.

On Thursday, March 24th, I spoke to ladies in Queen Margaret's College, leaving Glasgow on the 25th for -

OXFORD, Saturday and Sunday I had choice opportunities to address Students at meetings over which Canon Christopher and the Rev. F.J. Chavasse presided. Monday I had a long conference with missionary men. ~~I spoke of the proposed Conference with missionary men.~~ I spoke of the proposed Conference in Edinburgh and urged that Oxford be represented in the starting of the Inter-Varsity organization. It was decided that delegates should be sent.

In addition to the five public meetings, I had many opportunities for personal work with groups of men at breakfast and luncheon in Oriel, New, Merton, Magdalen and Christ Church Colleges, but so far as known to me only two new decisions were made for foreign work during my visit.

INTER-UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE, Edinburgh April 2nd to 3rd. Delegates were present from Cambridge, Oxford, London, Belfast, St. Andrews, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh. On motion I took the Chair. For three hours the subject of a new organization was discussed in all its details. The Conference agreed upon the basis which I enclose. The utmost harmony prevailed and a spirit of prayer pervaded the meeting. I was especially gratified to see that the Oxford and Cambridge University men were enthusiastically at one with the others

in making the movement inter-denominational. The Conference chose the Covenant and the form of organization of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions.

On Sunday night there were short reports from the Institutions represented. Mr. Harris spoke in behalf of the 24 Volunteers at Oxford. Mr. Williams represented the seventy Volunteers in London. The Belfast and Glasgow speakers spoke most kindly of the work of Rev. John N. Forman in the fall of 1887. After a few words from myself the conference was adjourned. May I quote from the Free Church of Scotland Monthly?

"There has been a Missionary revival in most of the important Colleges in Great Britain, and this is only the beginning of a great forward movement. On the 2nd of April a number of Students met at Edinburgh, representing about 300 Volunteers in the various Colleges in London, Oxford, Cambridge, Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrews. A new Union, to be called the Student Volunteer Missionary Union, has been developed out of the Union already in existence. An executive committee of four will be appointed in a few weeks, and this committee will elect a travelling Secretary who will spend a large part of his time in visiting the Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland, strengthening the branches which already exist and endeavouring to have new branches formed. And so, by the blessing of God, we shall soon be in the midst of a movement like that in America - a movement in which all Churches will take part, and which has as its object the speedy evangelization of the whole world.

This Conference was followed by addresses at Morley Hall, London, to Medical and Clerical Students, at New College St. John's Wood, at the Presbyterian College and by a most hearty reception from the London Missionary Society's Committee.

Again the strain so effected my health that I cancelled engagements and most gratefully accepted the rest and retirement of Mrs. MacInnes' home. Here unbounded kindness was shown to me. The sympathy and help given me so continuously by Mr. Moorhead on our tours together was at this time again manifested in efforts to ensure for me complete rest. It was a trial not to speak at Durham and at the Irish Universities, but I had not strength to continue the work.

Of several meetings I have omitted to mention, the most important are those of April 25th and May 12th. At the former I addressed the younger Clergy of the Church of England at the Church Missionary House. The latter was held in St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

In addressing the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, May 26th, I confined myself to a short account of the British Movement and my work in the Universities of Scotland and England. One of the elements which combined to make this a foreign Missionary Assembly was a deputation of Students. The news that 60 men connected with the Free Church Colleges had offered themselves for foreign service profoundly stirred the Assembly. One man promised £2,000, and over £3,000 were pledged for the forward movement before the Assembly adjourned. In August I had the very great privilege of visiting -

THE SCANDINAVIAN STUDENT'S CONFERENCE. About 180 men were present from the Universities of Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland. They met at Horten, the Norwegian Naval Station, on board the Man of War "Desideria" The Chairman was Pastor Kr. Mart. Eckhoff of Christiania. The meetings were opened August 16th by Professor Pettersen, and closed on Sunday the 21st.

The subject of foreign Missions was not on the programme but the Committee in charge kindly allowed me to speak twice to the Students. God helped me to bring before them

their duty and privilege with reference to foreign work. In public and private the subject was much discussed. Will you not pray that as a result of this conference there may arise in all the Universities of Scandinavia a forward movement for the World's Evangelization?

On returning to England I find the British S.V. M.U. well organized. Several Student Volunteers have been speaking in Churches during the summer vacation. The Executive Committee have commenced work in London and are seeking an entrance to the Colleges of Wales. They have asked Mr. Arthur T. Polhill-Turner to be the travelling Secretary of the British Movement. He begins work this month. He was one of the original "Cambridge Band" who visited the Universities of Great Britain in 1884¹⁸⁸⁵ May I ask the prayers of the Board for Mr. Polhill-Turner and the Executive Committee? They need the power of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom which God alone can give.

I close with a few words ^{from} with an article by Mr. Thomas of Edinburgh University. "This new organization is the most promising of all; among many other reasons, because it is in league with similar organizations in the other ^{six great} Universities of Great Britain; and this Student Volunteer Movement on the other side has brought about the first permanent and well organized combination for Inter-Varsity ~~work~~."

I hope to sail next month for India and would earnestly request your prayers for the difficult work which lies before me.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Robert S. Wilder

Oct. 15th 1892.

P.S. The Board may be interested in the following from the pen of J.O. Williams of the London Hospital. "This union (S.V.M.U.) is the first and only movement which undertakes the task of uniting the universities and colleges of Britain in any Christian work and it is a matter for thank

P.S. Kindly send a copy of appeal to J. W. Baer, 50 Bromfield St. Boston
Mass. for the
Golden Rule.
W.

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American Mission
Byculla, Bombay.
6th Jan'y 1893.

My dear Speer-

We leave soon for the
Station, so you must excuse a
brief note.

The Conference has
adjourned. The feeling was
good at most of the gatherings.
At the last session there was
a personal encounter between
two men. The excitement was
great for several minutes.

The most precious meetings
were the early morning prayer
meetings. Many sought and,
I believe, found the Pentecostal
Gift, since they let the Giver
come in with all His fulness.

Please find enclosed

a copy of the appeal & a
note to Warren H. Wilson.

I hope that you can get
the appeal printed in the
Church at Home & Abroad.
It is backed by the six hundred
members. The Conference passed
it by an enthusiastic rising
vote.

Please send a type written
copy of appeal with my letter
to Wilson for the Era. I have
not time to make a separate
copy for him.

Thanking God that He
has brought me to my beloved
India, I am

Your friend

Robert P. Wilder

Kalhapur

S. M. C.

India.

(over)

Personal

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17/2/93

Dear Speer—

Please let Mr. McWilliam see this letter since I have no time to write him this week.

In the ~~Third~~ clause under my "Appointment" are the words:

"During this employment, Mr. Wilder is to be paid the usual salary paid the Board's Missionaries in India, and to have an allowance not exceeding—
per month for traveling expenses."

~~How much can I allow~~
ed for traveling expenses?
in great haste
B. P. Wilder.

9 Kolhapur
15th Feb'y 1893.

My dear Speer.

You will be glad to know that there is in this land a wide door for the work which the Board has sent me. The Rev^d Mr. Slater of the London Miss^y Society voiced the views of many when he wished that I had brought out a hundred men with me for the same line of work.

The Decennial Conference was composed of men holding every shade of opinion on questions of mission methods and mission policy. The educationalists & the evangelists though criticising each other

seemed united and unanimous in saying "The work among the English Speaking classes has reached a crisis. The faithful labors of godly men in the class Room need to be followed up by men of consecrated culture, free to devote their whole time to aggressive work among India's thinking men."

The Board will also be glad to know that I have been invited to address English Speaking natives in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Lahore, Bangalore, Mysore & as far south as Ragercoil and Ceylon. I need your prayers for wisdom as to what places should be visited.

Dr. Miller, Pres^t of the
Madras Christian College

strongly advises me to visit the great centres for student work before locating. Others advise the same course.

During my stay in Bombay I had a good opportunity to study its needs. While in Madras I met many missionaries & native Christians. By confering with them and by making a study of the native student audiences which I addressed the needs & claims of that city are well before me.

Several invitations to visit Calcutta have been received. The most urgent one comes from the Indian National Committee of the

work. How cordially he was received and with
what great promise the work has begun, you
are aware. With a view to making provision per-
manently for the work thus hopefully inaugurat-
ed, it was decided to transfer Mr. Wood above
Calcutta, although he was only fairly getting
hold of the work in Madras. But he had
scarcely reached Calcutta, before imperative
private matters called him home to America,
not to return There is no possibility
of another man being sent until after the
hot weather We cannot but feel the
gravest apprehension unless some one can
be found who will go to assist the Calcutta

Y. M. C. A. May⁴ I give you a few
sentences from this appeal for
help. --- 6th Feb. 1895

Three years ago the
Missionary Conference in that
city (Calcutta) appealed to the
American International Com.
to send a Secretary to undertake
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Rev R. E. Speer

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Kolhapur, February 18th, 1908.

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Asking you to pray often for us, and with kindest regards from us all, I am

Your friend,

Robert P. Wilder,

Kolhapur, S. P., India.

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Your friend,

Robert P. Wilder.

Bellary, S.C., India.

Mahableshwar
April 7th 1893.

My dear Speer—
The Board has asked
from me a quarterly report
of work. So please find
enclosed my report for the
first quarter of 1893.

I do hope that it will
lead to more earnest prayer for
me and the coming campaign
in Calcutta. God has been very
good to my wife and myself
not only in our public service
but in our heartlife. We believe
that He has still greater things
in store for us.

Last Sunday night I
spoke to a number of missionaries
upon the Holy Spirit. God was
present. I am asked to hold

Please show this report to Mr. McWilliams, W. J. S.

a series of meetings for the missionaries who are at Mahabaleshwar & am asking Govd & Sharnu what his will in the matter.

One of the Scotch missionaries says that it is more important that the missionaries have the Pentecostal Gift than that the heathen be preached to; for were the missionaries "filled" the work among the heathen would move like lightning.

It is a question how much speaking one should do during this resting time. I am not very strong.

Asking a constant interest in your prayers, I am dear Sir

Your friend

Robert C. Wilder

Kalhapur

S. M. C.

India

Dear Darling
Longmont Colo. May 1. 1893

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Dear Mr. Speer, —

Your postcard
of the 21st ult. inquiring
whether I had been appointed
Commissioner to the
General Assembly reached
me today, having been
sent first to Pasadena

In reply I would say
that no word has come
of appointments by the
Peking Presbytery to me.

It is just possible
that they appointed
Mr. Whiting and that

the letter containing
the notice of his appointment
has been remained
with other mail matter
to China.

The death of Dr. Mitchell
has just been reported to
us and fills me with
a sadness that I have
never felt for one not
of my own family.

He was one of God's
choice servants upon
to know was to me
Do you not think that
a consecrated layman would
be ~~would~~ as effective as ~~not~~ a minister
as Board Secretary. It is a shame
to take such a man from the

ministry of the word to serve taxes - very cordially yours
J. W. Lawrence

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MAHABLESHWAR,
WESTERN INDIA.
April 14th 1893.

In my last report reference was made to work among British and Scandinavian Universities. On my return to England I found the Student Volunteer Missionary Union so well organized, that my services were no longer required. It was a joy to feel free to leave Europe for my life work in India.

Of the addresses given prior to sailing, I might mention one in Liverpool to a large and representative audience, and one in the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London. I believe that as a result of these and other addresses much prayer has been offered up for the work done among western students, and for the work to which I was going in the institutions of the east.

Among the many friends who came to see us off on the last day were, Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. MacInnes, Mr. and Mrs. Broomhall and Miss Geraldine Guinness. The members of the Executive of the S. V. M. U. were present, with the exception of one who was in Glasgow. The two representatives from Cambridge University said that several had planned to accompany them to London. Since Capt. Lugard was announced to speak on Uganda that day, they had remained in Cambridge and sent their messages of farewell, instead of bringing them in person. We were soon on board. Friends crowded into the cabin for prayer. The last words were spoken, and as the Peshawar slowly moved away, we heard "God be with you till we meet again." We were told that our ship was the one that had carried Alexander Mackay from his home land, and that had taken many other workers to their distant fields of labour.

Before the voyage was completed there were eighteen in our daily Bible class. Most of our time was spent upon the

first three chapters of the Acts of the Apostles and the Pentecostal Gift.

I was asked to take the service of Sunday night, December 11th. The burning sun had dropped into the Red Sea, and in the cool evening air many of the first and second saloon passengers ventured out to the service which was held upon the *Hurricane* deck. Some were enemies of Christ, whose lives and language could not help the heathen. Others were passive Christians, who had lived and were expecting to live negative lives in India. One of these had said to me, "I do not believe in aggressive Christianity." Some of those before me had been Christians at home; but the further they journeyed from praying parents, the further they drifted from God. The message given them is found in Gal. vi: 7, 8. I was saddened by the thought that all in that audience who refused to sow to the Spirit would not only be corrupt, but would prove to be centres of corruption among the heathen to whom they should bring eternal life.

There were many opportunities for personal work. I had repeated conversations with a ship's servant who had at one time been a Y. M. C. A. Secretary, and had purposed becoming a foreign Missionary; but falling into sin he ran off to sea. Every effort to bring him home, every appeal to his past joy and present misery, seemed fruitless. On leaving the *Peshawar* I gave him our Bombay address. The first Sabbath on shore he called, and as we knelt in prayer came home. The following Sunday he brought with him three quartermasters from our ship, two of whom had found Christ that week in a Salvation Army meeting. We five had a praise meeting in the Mission house at Byculla, which shall never be forgotten. More than three months have passed and that ship's servant writes to me that he feels again led of the Spirit to become a foreign Missionary.

In *Bombay* I addressed the American Mission High School and the Y. M. C. A. I was invited to speak to the Decennial Conference upon the Young People's Society of Christian

Endeavor, and to take charge of the Sabbath morning Consecration Service. At this and at the other morning meetings there was on the part of the Conference delegates an earnest spirit of prayer, and a desire for more of the Holy Spirit's power for service.

There were between thirty and forty Student Volunteers present at the Decennial Conference. I had the pleasure of addressing them. They formed an organization with Rev. John N. Forman as secretary, through whom they will from time to time speak to their fellow volunteers at home.

The needs of Bombay moved me deeply. I am told that there is no missionary giving his entire time to work among the thousands of English speaking natives. This is said to be the second largest city in the British Empire, having 850,000 inhabitants. It is called the most important manufacturing centre in all the east, and many years in advance of any other place in India in business importance. I feel strongly drawn to the students of this city.

When we left *Kolhapur* in 1875 we were drawn one hundred and fifty miles by bullocks before we reached the rail road. In returning I went the whole distance by rail. The bungalows built by my father, the old well and the rocks upon which I played as a boy, brought back a flood of memories. Shortly after our arrival the native church gave us a meeting of welcome. I was much touched by the earnest words of the pastor and by the real joy of the people on hearing me say a few words in Marathi. During this visit to the city of my birth I spoke twice to the Christians upon the Holy Spirit, addressed the young men of the Mission High School, spoke to the members of the Y. M. C. A. and said a few words in Marathi to the children of the vernacular girls schools, which are in charge of my mother and sister. The many interviews with those who knew my father and knew me as a child, made it difficult to leave Kolhapur. They begged me to remain and work among them.

On January 31st, we visited *Sangli* and were much interested in the industrial work under Mr. Jolly's charge. It was a privilege to speak to the bright boys in Miss Sherman's school, and to look into the difficulties and encouragements of the life at this station.

During an enforced stop of six hours at *Bangalore* we visited the English Wesleyan Mission and called upon Rev. T. E. Slater of the London Missionary Society. Mr. Slater expressed a wish that I had brought with me a hundred workers to labour among the educated men of India, so needy and important does he regard this field. I received a cordial invitation to hold meetings during the rains in Bangalore and Mysore.

In *Madras* we were entertained at the Church of Scotland Zenana Mission House. Mrs. Longhurst's hospitality will never be forgotten. At the large gatherings in her drawing-room, Mrs. Wilder and I were introduced to most of the Christian workers in that city. My first address was delivered in the Memorial Hall at the Annual Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. A large audience had assembled to hear the Rev. F. E. Clark and myself. On two other occasions I addressed the Y. M. C. A. Mr. McConaughy has been greatly used of God in building up such a vigorous association amid many difficulties. I also addressed the Young Women's Christian Association, and the students of Doveton College.

On February 8th, I lectured to a large number of students in the Madras Christian College at the invitation of Dr. Miller, who took the chair. The audience were most attentive while I urged upon them the privilege of believing in Christ, and of the duty of *immediate* confession at any cost. The chairman expressed his regrets that I was unable to remain and follow up the lecture by personal work. He and the professors wish me to return. It is evident that there is a great field for a College evangelist in Madras. During the six-and-a-half days spent in this city, I spoke nine times.

The poor railway connections necessitated a delay of twelve hours in *Bellary*. On alighting from the train we proceeded at once to the London Mission House, where Mrs. Lewis gave us a cordial welcome. During the afternoon I addressed the English speaking students in the F. A. College. In the evening we had a delightful conference with the missionaries upon the Pentecostal Gift.

The long railway journey gave us opportunities for personal conversations. When we could get a Brahman alone with us in our compartment, he was freer in stating his difficulties and franker in his admissions. Pray that the seed thus sown may bring forth fruit. The Holy Spirit can work as quickly in a Brahman's heart as in the heart of the Philippian jailer.

February 12th was spent in *Miraj*. Dr. and Mrs. Wanless have their hands full of work in this important city.

On returning to *Kolhapur*, I found that a deep interest had been aroused by Mr Varley's Meetings. Every afternoon at 5-30 I met educated natives in the bazaar church built by my father. That I might not be interrupted, I asked the audience to listen to me one afternoon, and on the following afternoon I should listen to their questions. They felt the fairness of the proposal and as a result during none of my lectures was there any attempt to ask questions, make remarks or raise a disturbance. Their attention was almost equal to that of an American audience. Several of the English residents attended the lectures, among them might be mentioned Mr. Candy, Principal of the Rajah Ram (Government) College, Dr. Sinclair, Durbar Surgeon and Miss Little who is in charge of the Palace Schools. The subjects of my lectures were, "Students and Christianity," "Flesh against Spirit," "The God of the Bible," "The Claims of Christ."

On the afternoons devoted to answering enquiries, Mr. Irwin and I assisted each other. Gladly was I a listener to answers given so clearly and fairly by Mr. Irwin. To show what thoughts are prominent in the minds of educated natives, I will give some of the questions asked me: "There are

many religions in this world. We see that the followers of religions never try to spread their religions, except those of Christianity. Why do these Christians try to spread their religion with their own expense and at the cost of their own lives?" "Would Christianity be beneficial to India? If it would be, how?" "Does Christianity say that all religions except itself are false?" "What is the will of God?" "Is it fulfilled by the Christians?" "Do you know all the principles of Hinduism?" "What proofs can you put before us that Jesus Christ was the Son of God?" "Is the Holy Bible a divine work or a human one?" "If God is merciful, how did He allow us to kill animals?"

In writing of these services and their effect I quote from the March number of "Indian Notes." "The attendance is quite good, the attention marked and the enquiry meetings (that is to say for answering questions) are full and promising. We are glad to notice that the enquiries are beginning to centre round the atonement, the Divinity of Christ and the spiritual life in Him. Many are showing much interest, an investigating spirit, and an attitude of sincerity that we hope will ripen into true knowledge of Christ."

Every morning at eight I spoke to the native Christians upon the deepening of the spiritual life and more aggressive work for Christ. There is not room in such a report to even outline the many personal interviews with Christians and Hindoos. Before our departure, we invited the members of the native church to tea. Here I had another opportunity to urge upon them witness bearing for Christ in this needy city and in the outlying villages."

On our way to the Hills, at the foot of the mountain, I gave a short Marathi address in the moonlight, and three times since our arrival here, I have preached in the village of old Mahableshwar. This is regarded as a very sacred spot, because it is situated near the source of five rivers; but its holiness has had no practical effect upon the villagers who are notoriously wicked. An absence of eighteen years from In-

dia has made me rusty in Marathi, yet it is a comfort to be understood by the people even though the genders are not always right and the vocabulary is limited. Oh! for more of God's power! That alone can break in pieces these flinty hearts and drive to the winds their flimsy excuses. The crash is coming. Before long there will be a great ingathering in this Presidency, I fully believe.

In accordance with the very cordial invitation which has come to me from Calcutta, I am hoping to begin work there in June. After this I hope to be better prepared to confer with our Board as to the future. I am advised to see the chief student centres in India before settling down permanently.

In the forty-five addresses I have been permitted to give since landing, the attention as well as the size of the audiences has been most gratifying. I look forward to the work before me with unspeakable joy. Pray for me.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT P. WILDER,

Permanent Address.—Kolhapur, S. M. C. India.

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Nahableswar
May 19th
1893.

My dear Speer—

Many thanks for your most welcome letter.

I am glad to learn of the advanced position taken by our Board and hope to hear of a larger number going abroad this fall than ever before.

Remember the Kolhapur mission in your prayers and plead its claims. We are again stricken. You may hear by this mail from Mr. Jolly the sad news that he and his family expect to sail from Bombay June 2nd. His wife is so ill that Dr. Warless urges her returning home.

Mr. Jolly has proven himself a gem. I doubt if there is

March 17th & she replied Apr. 14th. She writes: "From Oct. & Jan. my payments were not made but up to Oct. had payed ~~always~~ in advance. -- However in Jan. made a payment of three hundred dollars and since then another of one hundred eighty which pays in full up to June 1st '93.

This matter has troubled me greatly - and sincerely hope I may not again fall in arrears. Be assured that I do not intend to, for when on that memorable New Year's day I made this pledge (for five years) it was not given without much thoughtfulness and prayer - realizing as I did that it would not be an easy matter for me. Have never regretted having made the pledge & esteem it a wonderful privilege to be used of God

a more spiritually minded man in the mission.

I have seen the house he has erected at Sangli and heartily approve of what he has done and has planned to do. He has a splendid set of tools.

Whether he can return to India after placing Mrs. Jolly in Colorado remains to be seen. So far as I can see he is the man and the only one fit to take charge of the industrial work.

Let us be much in prayer for this interesting department of our mission work.

By the way, I believe you wrote saying that Mrs. Swift had ceased paying Mr. Jolly's salary.

I wrote her about this

in this way -- I regret very much that this should have come to you and thus added more anxiety to you who are already overtaxed, &c."

Let me thank you for writing me concerning the action of the International Com. Y. M. C. A. When will White reach Calcutta? McCanaghy has not yet written me about this, but he and I shall do our best to prepare the ground for White. I shall follow your advice as to organization, &c. Please assure White that we shall give him a hearty welcome to Calcutta and shall be glad to hand the work over to his wise hands.

Your words as to my health & the caution of others has decided me to defer

our departure to Calcutta
until the rain breaks. Then
the air will be a trifle cooler.

That you may see my
better half I send you the
enclosure. She seems to be
a universal favorite, and is
getting a good hold of Marathi.
I am praising God for this
gift which is daily more won-
derful & precious.

Will you kindly send me
your photograph?

Your friend

Robert C. Wilder
% Rev. W. B. Phillips
Union Chapel Parsonage
136 Dhurrumtollah St.
Calcutta.

P.S. Did you receive the draft for
\$700 sent Jan. 26/93 towards the
salary of another worker for Kolhapur?
Did you receive my report?

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Kolhapur

June 15th
1893.

My dear Spear-

Before the foreign
mail leaves let me send
you a few lines thanking
you for remembering me
with the announcement
of your marriage.

Knowing what this
new life means I can
congratulate you with
all my heart.

Bible Study and
prayer have meant far

more & me since the seventh
of last September, for
another has searched with
me for the hidden treasure
and has sought with
me the presence of the
King.

God bless you both
is our united prayer.

Your friend

Robert P. Wilder
Union Chapel Parsonage
136 Shurmutlah St.
Calcutta

Calcutta, 14th Oct 1893

Reverend and Dear Sir

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We feel that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church has laid us and the Missionary Colleges in Calcutta which we represent under a very great obligation by sending Mr. R. P. Wilder to work amongst the students of the City.

Mr. Wilder has been busy at work for the last three months in the interests of the students of our own and other Colleges. He has addressed the Bible Classes which we have as a part of the regular routine of our College work. He has taken part in open-air and other Evangelistic services held especially for the benefit of students. Above all; he has held private Bible Classes of his own, which have been largely taken advantage of by students from almost all colleges. His private intercourse with students has been blessed to many of them.

has been awakened to know more of this way, and a few would fain come out and be baptised.

We have watched Mr. Wilder's work with deep interest and rejoiced in the hold he has got of the affections of the students. His work which promises well, and which we are of opinion should be continued and steadily followed up for some time longer by Mr. Wilder himself. Very much depends on personal influence, and if Mr. White can have at the same time the benefit of Mr. Wilder's counsel and experience in organising that side of his work. The two will be able to strengthen each other's hands much.

For these and like reasons, we would respectfully urge your Board to allow Mr. Wilder to remain for the present in Calcutta. We need not say that a decision to let him remain will be well-coming by the students and

by all interested in work amongst
Haw.

We remain, Rev and Dear Sir,

Yours truly

John Hector, principal, Free Church of Scotland, ^{Insti-}
^{tution.}

John Morrison, principal, General Assembly's Inst., Ch. of Scot. Miss.

Atton Regg, Principal, London Missionary Society's
Institution,

J. Rev Robert S. Speer
Secretary, Board
of Foreign Missions
of Presbyterian Church
U.S.A.

Calcutta for the present. May God keep you & your wife & every one
is the prayer of
your friend
Robert D. Wilder
2 Cornwallis St.
Calcutta.

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Darjeeling
Oct. 23rd
1893.

My dear Speer -
Your last good letter was a great joy to my wife and myself. Such words cheer and inspire the foreign workers we assure you. I thank God for the good news concerning Northfield, especially about the Round Top meetings. J. H. Maclean writes most encouragingly of the Student Conference at Keswick. The British Volunteer Movement is undertaking great things this fall. They are trying to secure Miss Geraldine

Guinness for work among
the lady students of ~~St~~
Britain. It is such
a comfort & remember in
prayer the American British
and Danish volunteers at
the noon hour daily. It is
my great desire that since
they are trying to obey the
latter part of act 1:8
they may experience the
power mentioned in the first
part of the verse.

We long to hear of
Mr. Gally's plans. He is a true
man and greatly needed at
Sangli. As to Mrs. Smith's
intention I cannot write.
Please communicate with
her about the matter. I
know that her interest in
missions is most real.

Your idea of an Inst-
itute in New York where all

missionaries could be kept
for a few months appeals to
me strongly. May God guide.

Before we left Cal-
cutta Mr. Hector, Principal of
the Free Church Institution
and Duff College asked me
to give him your address,
and in a letter of Oct. 18
he enclosed a copy of a
letter sent you by himself
and the Principals of the
General Assembly's Inst. &
the London Mission College.

It is needless to say
that my wife and I are
much in prayer over this
matter and we shall ask
the Holy Spirit to guide to a
right decision.

God's hand has been
in the work at Calcutta.
It is hard to leave the men

who are so near the Kingdom.

Next week I hope to send you a full report of working in Calcutta and then the Board will be in a better position to pass judgment on our case.

It had been my intention to send the report this week, but last week I addressed a native Christian Mela at Kalimpong & had a service for the missionaries upon the Holy Spirit.

To-day I gave an address to the Dargeling Convention of missionaries & Xn workers upon "The Need & Conditions of being Filled with the Spirit," so that it has not been possible to prepare the Report.

If the Board feels clear that we should leave Calcutta please send me a cablegram to that effect. If no wire comes we shall stay on in

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Darjeeling-

Oct. 30th

1893

My dear Speer-

It seems best to carry my report only to Oct. 2nd and to take Oct. Nov. and Dec. in my next report.

Before we left Calcutta another student told me of his restlessness. For three days he could not attend classes because distracted by thoughts of the future. Now he had decided to become a Christian and to be baptized. Praise God! I have had a good letter from him within the past week.

Here in the Himalayas I have had many opportunities in public and private to speak to missionaries about the fullness of the Spirit and God has again used me. How great is His love

and condescension!

Pardon this wee note since I
am very tired and it is late.

Pray for me as I do for you
daily. God bless you abundantly
is the prayer of

your friend

Robert P. Wilder.

2 Cornwallis Square
Calcutta.

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for the items
It was voted to insert in the appropriate
for the ~~mission~~ ^{for the salary}
ations, for the ensuing year,
and estimated ^{trav.} expenses of the Rev. Robert
P. Wilde should be inserted in the approp.
for the W. India mission and that they
should include the ^{similar} ~~trav.~~ expenses of Mrs.
Wilde, in view of the special expenditures
involved in ^{and} the character of work Mr. Wilde is
doing, and in the absence of provision for
house rent or

2 Cornwallis Square
Feb. 12th 1894.

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MAR 15 1894

MR. SPEER.

My dear Speer-

Tonight I expect to leave Calcutta for Purreedpore to address English speaking Bengalees who have come to the Mela; but before my departure you must have a few words by way of reply to your good letter of December 11th.

We feel grateful for the appropriation of \$185 to cover expense account. I hope that Mr. Dulles will soon send us a draft since we are running low.
April 24th Mr. Dulles

part of our salary and: take
no money for outfit. I had
lost all trace of the letter until
today, otherwise I should have
sent it to you sooner.

Please ask Mr. Dulles to
let me know when I passed
from Mr McWilliam's hands
into his hands, that is when
did our salary as missionaries
begin? When we sailed from
England or when we arrived
in Bombay, Dec 19th 1892?

Thus far we have received
from Mr. Dulles only £81-12-8.

Kindly ask him to send me
a draft to cover \$185 expense acct
also sum due us for travelling
expenses and freight from London
to Bombay, also balance due on
last year's salary.

in your write " The question was raised whether the conditions of your life at present not necessitating keeping house, and all the expenditures involved in that, Mrs Wilder's travelling expenses might not be a fair charge against the salary, taking the place of many other expenditures which you would be obliged to make if you were settled in one place."

I feel great hesitation in writing anything further than to say that board & lodging in Kolhapur cost us Rupees (75) Seventy-five a month and here we pay Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty a month. We are living in the native

sub committee request the Provisional Committee to recommend to the Home authorities the appointment of Mr. Wilder, if practicable, to the work of the Y. M. C. A. in the Northern Division". J. C. White writes me "This report was approved by the Prov^l Com. and it was further decided 'that Mr. Wilder & his committee be communicated with, to see if his services may be secured for say two years. & act as Secretary of the College Department'."

But this letter must stop here since I have much to do before starting on my journey. It is a twelve hour's journey by train & steamer to Dundee.

So pray, my dear friend, that I may

quarter of the city, with missionaries
of the Free Church and have
only two rooms (one for sleeping
& the other for personal inter-
views with students.) Calcutta
is a very expensive place.

It is impossible to send you
an estimate of expenses for the
coming year since we are not
clear as yet as to where we
shall be. We should like
your earnest prayers.

at the last meeting of the
Provisional Committee of the
Y. M. C. A. the college Sub Com-
mittee reported as follows:

"That in view of Mr. Robert
P. Wilder's recent work in Cal-
cutta among students, and
his special qualifications, this

have spiritual and physical
strength for these magnificent
opportunities.

My wife joins me in kind
regards to yourself and to "the
better half" whom we hope
some ^{day} to see.

Yours prayerfully
Robert P. Wilder
2 Cornwallis Square
Calcutta.

ans. Aug 27 93
Please return
to R. P. Wilder

NO. 71 BROADWAY,

New York,

June 27 1893

My dear Friend:

I regret the delay in remitting
you the "outfit money". I did not
understand about it at first and
then there was a delay in learning from
the Board of Foreign Missions whether
they wanted it to be paid into their
Treasury and ~~their~~ remittance by or
if they wanted us to remit direct. I find
now that they desire the latter. So I
enclose herewith the Equivalent of \$600,
our money, by Bill of Exchange for
£124 ⁷/₆ in London. I told the
Bankers to make it in such way
as to produce the greatest possible
amount to you. I trust that it
does this in the way they have made
it out (72%) £124 ⁷/₆ @ \$48 = \$600.
If this is not entirely correct

or satisfactory please let me
know. On June 2nd I sent
you the balance on the old a/c
\$129.73. The payments are regularly
made to the Board's Treasurer for
the salaries of yourself and wife
and I suppose that there are
nothing you in the regular way
and without delay.

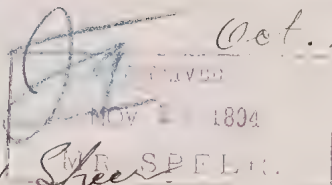
I trust that you all keep well. You
are much in our minds and upon
our hearts. We remember you in our
prayer. In the autumn we hope for
an aggressive missionary movement in our
Church and to keep your name prominently
before all the organizations of the Church.

Dr. Sieff has gone to the country and
I gave him your name & address. I hope
that he will write you a letter. He is
a very, very poor letter writer. I hope
you will write us frequent letters
that we may keep the interest
alive and abiding. Howard has
been very ill with peritonitis. is

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13 Mall Villas

Oct. 15th



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My dear Speer

Please find inclosed
a draft for \$700 in pay-
ment of Mr. Simonson's
salary for one year from
November 1894 to November
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It was very hard for
me to stop work in Calcutta,
but fever drove me to bed;
and when the fever left
my Doctor ordered me up here

return to Western India. By this time my
two years will have expired and the Board
must be consulted as to my future work. Before
that time I hope to forward a report which
will cover the two years work.

I pray very especially for the Lodhiana
Convention. ask that God may speak His
own words through me.

With kindest regards from my wife &
myself, I am
Yours very sincerely
Robert C. Wilder.

& Darjeeling & regain strength.
When we arrived my weight
was only one-hundred-and
twenty-five pounds, but
through God's goodness the
change has done me good.
I am five pounds heavier
than when we came.

Our plans are as
follows: Calcutta, Oct. 23-25,
Kalkapur, Nov. 1-5, Saharan-
pur, Nov. 10-11, Ludhiana, Nov.
13-15th. Then Synod, after
which I hope to do some
work in Lahore, and then

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May 9th

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My dear Speer-

I do not like to write for papers, but Matt has cabled me to send an article for the June Volunteer, and I feel that the cablegram is a call from God.

India's needs overwhelm me!

I must ask you to join me in earnest prayer for this Empire. God has laid it on my heart. You know how deeply I felt in America since seeing something of the crisis in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta the conviction is fourfold stronger that the Church must move faster into this land.

Would God I could impress the Volunteers with a sense of the terrible crisis! I cannot. I am far away. But you are near.

You have the care of the Volunteers.
Hence I send to you a copy of
my article. Do use its facts far
and wide, and pray.

Though far from Calcutta
I am reaching my students
through the post. I am correspond-
ing with about a dozen.

Mr. McWilliams may have
handed you some letters concern-
ing one who was baptized. His
name is Surendra. I send you
a clipping from "The Indian Christ-
ian Herald." The boy is still suffer-
ing much persecution, but he remains
true & fears through it all.

Mother, sister, wife and I
send you our affectionate regards.

Your loving friend
Robert C. Wilber

2 Cornwallis Square
Calcutta.

Wednesday, it was agreed in principle to form a new company to complete the canal with a capital of sixty million francs.

GAMBLING IN THE GERMAN ARMY.

As the result of a military trial in Hanover, in which gambling on a large scale was shown to exist among officers of the army, fifteen officers have been dismissed the service.

EXECUTION OF THE MURDERER O'HARA.

AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE.

Poona, April 23.—Private O'Hara, of the Leinster Regiment, was executed this morning at Yerrowda Jail in the presence of his regiment

this well-known sea-bathing town. On the morning in question, whilst Miss Lucy Adamson was bathing, she somehow got beyond her depth, and was fast sinking. Miss Darling, seeing her pupil in danger, went to her assistance, the result being that both were drowned. Both ladies were picked up and buried at Moulmein last evening. Miss Darling had worked the school up to its present position, and was beloved by all her pupils as well as friends.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN GREECE.

London April 24.—The King of Greece and his sons are visiting the region of the earthquake. The ruin on all sides is appalling, and the mortality amounts to two hundred and thirty.

SIR CHARLES ELLIOTT AT ARRAH. OPENING OF THE WATER-WORKS.

Arrah, April 23.—The Lieutenant-Governor arrived by mail train this morning, accompanied by Mr. H. J. S. Cotton, Chief Secretary, and Captain Currie, Private Secretary. Special arrangements were made at the station for His Honour's reception. On the arrival of the train Sir Charles Elliott was received by Mr. Forbes, Commissioner of Patna, the Collector of Arrah, the Maharaja of Dumraon, Rai Jai Perakash Lal, and several leaders of local native society, by whom he was conducted to the *shamiana* erected at the end of the platform, where the Municipal Commissioners presented an address, which related how during the lapse of three years when the Lieutenant-Governor last visited the place the Corporation had retrieved its credit, and had set an example to the other Municipalities of Bengal. Sir Charles Elliott replying congratulated the Municipality upon its achievements, and expressed the hope that its example would be followed by other Corporations of Bengal. The Lieutenant-Governor afterwards drove to the house of the Collector, where he remains during his stay here. His escort from the station and whenever he has been out has been supplied by a detachment of the Behar Light Horse, the members of which came in for that function during the day. Sir Charles Elliott gave interviews to prominent members of the district, and in the evening drove to Dharahra to open the Water-works. There another address was presented to the Lieutenant-Governor by the Water-Works Committee, and after replying to it Sir Charles Elliott was presented with a gold key with which he opened the sluice which conveys the water to the town.—*Statesman*.

of Mr. Joseph Johory, associate of the Tonic Sol-fa College, London, and Mr. J. C. Chatterjee, B. A. of Ramsay College. These young men have rendered good service to music in this country by reducing to the Sol-fa notation some of our Bengali national music and still more by the promise they give, if they meet with anything like reasonable encouragement, that the work they have commenced will go on until it be a decided credit to the Christian community and a great blessing to their country. They will of course meet with discouragement, and cold water and wet blankets will be supplied in abundance to dampen their zeal and to cool their ardour. Among these may be mentioned the action of the Central Text-Book committee of the Bengal Government, to which copies were sent. We learn that that august and learned body, who is in charge of the literature of our Schools, whether for use in the class or in the library or as prizes, refused to look at the Music books sent to it. Music was regarded as neither fit for the class, the prize distribution day, or for the

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MR. SPEER.

April 11th 1894.

My dear Spear—

Often do my thoughts turn to you and I am praying that you may have great wisdom and power in the important office which you occupy

1. We have stayed on in Calcutta in accordance with your letter of Nov. 21st 1893, and God has greatly blessed our work. My wife has been teaching a class of boys & young men in the C. M. S. Boarding School. She has also been serving on the Y. W. C. A. Committee. I hope I send you ere long a report of my work. The most cheering item of news I have sent to Mr. McWilliams. As you read the letter please pray for Surendra.

2. When the Committee of the Calcutta Y. M. C. A. asked me to take

charge of the native branch I did not feel at liberty to give an answer without first hearing from the Board. I however told White at the time that if he hoped ultimately to have charge of the native branch I should not wish to take it even for a limited period, but if he expected to remain permanently in charge of the European branch I should take the Committee's offer into prayerful consideration.

White did not answer categorically, but sent me a letter from America, which led me to write him promptly as follows: "One sentence in _____'s letter throws light on my pathway - 'In justice to yourself & Mr. Yule and the fundamental purpose of your mission, you ought to get at the students as soon as possible.' You remember our conversation on this subject. I felt then that you had been sent out to work among students and hence

I hesitated to take charge of the native branch even for a time, feeling that you were expected to take charge of this work. This fits in with my own conviction that though there is an urgent call for Y. M. C. A. work among Calcutta students, yet my work should be entirely evangelistic. I hope that you understand me, dear White I believe thoroughly in Y. M. C. A. work & was glad to help the work in Calcutta pending your arrival. But since the six American & four British Societies who have given me their backing, wish me to do evangelistic work among students and since God has given me opportunities to reach students on direct Gospel lines, I felt a hesitation in assuming charge of the Y. M. C. A. with its fourfold work. Please thank the Y. M. C. A. Committee in Calcutta in my behalf for

inviting me to take charge of the native branch I assure them that "tho' I feel unable to accept their invitation I shall follow with earnest prayer the work of the Y. M. C. A. among the students of Calcutta."

My wife and I hope that this action will be approved by the Executive Committee and the Board. We did not think it right to delay since White may, by acting promptly, be able to get a man from America this fall to take charge of the European branch & thus be free to work up the native branch.

3. Long ago White urged me to remain in Calcutta and do evangelistic work among students even if I felt unable to take charge of the native branch of Y. M. C. A. We are still praying about this. It does seem as if we should spend a few months more in Calcutta & reap what has been sown in so much prayer.

4. In May 6th 1893 Mr. Dullie acknowledged the receipt of \$700 for the salary of a missionary to Kolhapur. I understand that Mr. Simonsen is the

worker supported by this sum. Please let me know when his salary commenced so that I may send in due time \$700 for his support during his second year of service.

5. after prayer I have decided to write you concerning a matter which is causing much comment. A missionary writes me as follows:

"What a great gift our Board has received from Mrs. Stuart's estate! Does it not occur to you that there is something incongruous in the Board's notion of using it for a house in New York? Suppose the Lord should come in a few years, what expense would the Board make for not using that money to send out and to support 500 new missionaries? Has He not money enough to save the Board the necessity of laying aside this million for the future? Can He not also bring forward the missionaries to send, if only the Board be willing to send Spirit-Chosen men instead

of only man ordained over? What would the Executive Council think if I should put them some such questions? Would it be inclined to execute me rather than my suggestions? I believe the investments in real estate, mortgages, stocks, bonds and similar securities made by the Boards and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in U. S. A. are already up in the millions of dollars. Ought not this commercial, worldly side of the business to be limited somewhere? What do you think?"

Dear Speer, what shall I write to this missionary? I do wish that we might talk and pray together over this matter.

Mother, sister, wife and I send you our affectionate regards. We are longing for news from Detroit.

Yours in bonds of friendship
Robert C. Wilder

P. S. I am writing by this mail to Mr.

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SPEER.

June 20th
1895.

My very dear Speer -

Your precious letter
of May 7th has caused
my wife and me great
joy.

First, We thank God
for your words about
the little book. It went
forth with prayer and we
do praise Him for blessing

3.

Please ask the members of the Board
to pray perseverently. You see from the Book
how great difficulties are in the way.

Had we known sooner that so
many members of the Board wanted
copies of the Book, I should have sent
more to you. Only thirteen copies remain
with me! Six of these I gladly send
you for distribution. I have sent copies
to Dr. Gregg, Dr. Geo. Alexander & Mr. Mc
Williams & Dr. Atterbury & Dr. T. L. Cuyler.

You very kindly ask for copies
of papers containing notes about my
work, so I send you the "Young Men
of India." Did you see my article on
"Sin" in this paper? In July number I
hope to have one on "Salvation".

On Sunday I preached in
Marathi in the Church which father
built. Yesterday & the day before I
addressed the native Christians in Marathi.

its pages. ^{2.} Our desire is that all who read it may pray more intelligently and importunately for this work.

Secondly, We feel deeply grateful for the action of the Board. It has come without any seeking on our part. This fact and the fact that the minute was assented to unanimously lead us to go forth as confidently as Paul went to Macedonia: "concluding that God had called us for to preach the Gospel unto them."

will you may be able to come on. We
can offer you a field of unusual opportunity.
You will have the students of many nations
before you, who may under God's blessing go
back to establish the first college missionary
movement there has been in their land. We
shall be very glad to give you a tour among
our most influential colleges if you are
inclined. and if the financial difficulty
is at all in your way we shall be only
too glad to get money to bear your expenses
from and to India and while here, &c

we hope that ^{5.} he will get well soon, D.V.

Please thank Mr. Dulles for his remittance and kindly hand the inclosure to him.

With love to Mrs. Speer and yourself. from us, I am
Yours affectionately
Robert C. Wilder.

P. S. Donald Fraser of the S.V.M.U. writes me: "A band of us are continuing in daily prayer that if it is God's

on Prevailing ^{4.} Prayer and the Prayer life of our Lord.

Next week I hope to work among the non-Christians of this city.

Do pray much for the work which Moorhead and I hope to begin in Poona about the middle of July.

Moorhead is unable to speak this week; but

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Dear Mr. Duller -

Many thanks for your
favour of May 14th with Bill
of Exchange for £10-4-1. This
was most welcome since I
had received no remittance
from you for eight months.

Would it suit your
convenience to remit once
in three months please?
and Can you please send
direct to me instead of

through the Mission Treasuries.
 I should very much prefer to
 receive both salary and trav-
 eling allowance from you
 direct than to have them
 entered on estimates for the
 Kolhapur Mission.

Since my wife and I
 have no vote in this mission
 and since the amount allow-
 ed us for traveling expenses
 does excite comment on part
 of some missionaries I should
 much prefer the above plan.

When the Mission received
 word from New York to cut,
 they naturally expected us also to

ent: We have cheerfully done so
cutting Rs 800 and reserving
only Rs 400 for our own
traveling expenses; but it
involved giving the Mission a
detailed statement which does
not seem necessary since we
have no voice whatever in
Mission matters. Is "taxation
without representation" fair?

Pardon my writing thus
frankly. I know that you
will fully realize my position.

I am sorry to have delay-
ed so long in sending the
inclosed statement of account.

under Doctor's orders after a severe attack of fever.
4. all expenses due to my wife's long illness & my
own illness

Please consider this letter strictly confidential. Do pray much for our work. We are just now having special meetings here. About July 20th we expect to go to Poona for a six weeks campaign.

Yours very sincerely

Robert C. Wilder

Kalhapur, S. M. C.
India.

but we have only now decided
 what to omit from our charges.
 Let me assure you that we
 do our very best to be economical.
 The only sum we ask from the
 Board for traveling expenses
 since leaving England in Nov.
 1892 is Rupees 482-1-3.
 I have traveled in India
 about 13,000 miles.

We are glad to have relinquished the following:

1. Traveling expenses from England to India.
2. House rent in Calcutta.
3. House rent in Mahabaleshwar 1893, Mussoorie and Darjiling 1894, though I went to Darjiling

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Kolhapur
July 4th
1895.

My dear Speer—

For weeks I have thought and prayed about the inclosure. My first thought was to send it with several signatures and some have expressed a willingness to sign it; while others hesitate.

One writes "Do you not feel, my dear brother, that in sending a letter like this we should implicitly pass a condemnatory judgment upon very many of our fellow workers? The majority of our missionaries cannot with any definiteness point to such an experience as what has, thank God,

before the Board or do³ both. We who are willing
& sign it will pray that you may be guided and
believe that you will be.

How far should we refrain from preventing
in future missionaries mistakes that we have
made, lest our fellow workers feel hurt?
Take for example any question of mission
policy or mission method. We unhesitatingly
protest against Caste in the Indian Church
notwithstanding the fact that many able &
devoted missionaries have tolerated Caste in
Southern India.

If several of our
number were ignoring Baptism and the
Lord's Supper (as do the Friends & the Salvation
army) would we be justified in keeping silent
for fear lest our views upon these Sacraments
should impliedly pass a condemnatory judg-
ment upon some of our fellow workers? "Be
filled with the Spirit" is a command as well
as "This do in remembrance of me."

Does not history prove that a definite
stand must be taken ~~in~~ order to reach
any reform? Martin Luther's noble protest may
have been regarded as impliedly passing a

come & some of us..... Judging
 others by my own position of
 former years, I should also expect
 such a petition of the Board to
 repel many..... It seems to me
 then that this letter ought not
 to be circulated in our Missions
 as I feel that it would surely
 be misinterpreted by many. Can
 not the same substance with
 the personal appeal to our Board
 left out, be widely published in
 Church and other periodicals?"

I have not circulated
 this paper in our Missions,
 but send it to you to do
 what the Holy Spirit suggests.
 Print it in Church papers as the
 above letter suggests or wing it

condemnatory judgment upon all his fellow workers in the Roman Catholic Church. There had been and were saints in that church. None dare doubt the holiness of persons like Madame Guyon; but the time had come for emphasizing "justification by faith", and Luther led the way by a definite proclamation of this truth...

You and I in giving missionary addresses in America have directly or impliedly passed a condemnatory judgment upon the apathy and lethargy of pastors & people

as it is now made prominent. During the last ten years "Be filled with the Spirit" has resounded from Keswick & Northfield platforms until the truth has been definitely emphasized, so that missionary candidates are now without excuse. If any candidate be in the dark the Board can enlighten him through such a book as "The Spirit Filled Life" which I am sending you. Please accept it as a little gift. I wish it might get into the hands of every outgoing missionary.

Yesterday came the following from a prominent Christian worker in Calcutta. It was written to a mutual friend: "The Spirit Filled Life" has been a God send to me. I came to a definite decision about receiving the Spirit for whatever the gift might mean, on the 14th inst. while reading the book.... I have nothing striking to tell about it, but a real transaction, I am convinced, has taken place".

Our pastor in Kolhapur writes: "I read Mr. Mac Neil's book very carefully and prayerfully and I fully agree with him in all what

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with reference to the world's
evangelization; and when
some saints asked why, if
missions are so important their
good grandparents did not
give and go, we replied that
this truth was not taught
then as it is now. Ignorance
of the need was a partial mitiga-
tion of their indifference. "The
times of ignorance therefore
God overlooked."

When the dear mission-
aries, to whom the above letter
refers, came to India this
truth and command concern-
ing the Baptism of the Spirit
was not made prominent

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he says therein. after finishing
it I prayed much, and now
I am very thankful to say
that I have received the Gift.

If you could only see
our workers in India you
would fully understand
my feelings. The absence of
this Gift means often not
only lack of progress but
absolute obstruction; e.g. a
warm hearted Christian comes
in from a village and tells
Supernatural results. If the
missionary is not living a
Supernatural life he will

fulness acts VIII:14-17 The majority think that this
is a wrong distinction - that every christian has the
Spirit by virtue of the fact that he is a christian.

But I must close. I thank God
for one on our Board to whom I can write
freely on such matters. God bless & keep you.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Spear
yourself from us all, I am
yours affectionately
Robert C. Wilder.

think the catechist guilty of exaggeration & doubt his account of results. You can see how soon this would chill the native worker. You can also see how a Spirit-filled ^{Missionary} worker can be held back by those who have not received the Baptism of the Spirit. He abounds in faith and hope. He wishes to attempt great things because he expects great things. The majority rules and the majority will throw cold water on him if the majority be not filled with the Spirit. He wants each Christian to receive the

Kalhapur
July 11th
1895.

My dear Speer-
In View

In view of the large cut made by the Board in the estimates made out by this Station, I have decided to cut ~~Rs~~ 800 out of the ~~Rs~~ 1200 allowed me for traveling expenses and to ask the Board to let this sum, Rs 800, go to the Kolhapur Station.

The workers in this station feel the financial pressure, so my wife and I would like to help them. If our traveling expenses amount to more than Rs 400 of course we will pay the excess.

Pardon a hasty note as I am
very busy to-day.
We are having a fine

— We are having a nine days Mela - Good audience and

attention.

On 23^d we expect to go to Poona for a six weeks campaign. Please pray much for this. The Secy of Poona Conference writes "We are praying for a shaking of bigoted Hindu Poona." God grant it!

Your affectionate friend
Robert S. Wilder—
Kolhapur,
S. M. C.,
India.

Kolhapur. July 11th/95.

Dear Mr. Spur.

I have wanted to send you a few lines with reference to Robert's letter or paper waited to you last week.

As it was decided to send the paper to you without signatures - I would like to send my signature in a few words of personal testimony.

After our stay in Norway, in 1892 - we were invited to visit at Parley House - London.

Mrs Taylor - then Miss Geraldine Guinness - was often at her brother's home and her influence and her words were blessed of God to me.

She was very direct in

speaking with me of the gift
of the Holy Spirit. She especially
emphasized to me the fact that
He is a gift to be received by faith
Gal. 3:14. I saw that I had
very often asked for this gift
and that what I needed was the
taking God at His word and
receiving simply because He had
promised.

I cannot be grateful
enough to God that He led me
that day to accept from Him this
great gift. One of the most precious
results is that Jesus is so very real.

But I would refer to myself
only to tell you that I was hunger-
-ing for the very truth which was
brought to me through Miss Guinness.

The thought has come to me
might not this truth have been
brought to me by one of our own

Secretaries before I sailed from America. If I had received special teaching - by having given to me such a book as the Spirit Filled Life. it seems to me that even at the very beginning my eyes might have been opened to see the promise.

It seems to be the thought that some might be discouraged - but this is no attainment! The fact that the Holy Spirit is a gift this has been all my hope.

I wish it were possible for every Missionary of our Board to have a copy of the book. The "Spirit Filled Life". This was much blessed to a number of us missionaries at Mahabechrou.

I would not close without assuring you how glad I have been to have you the Secretary for our Mission. We hear that

There is to be a change. but I shall always want to feel that you have in your heart and in your prayers a special place for Kolhapur.

We are now having special Evangelistic meetings. Robert is helping us and our faith has been stimulated by this united effort. Our dear Christian people are being quickened in the earnest prayer meetings which precede the other services.

My dear Mother is keeping very well and she joins me in cordial regards to Mrs Speer and to yourself.

Yours in Jesus' Name--

Grace E. Wilder

July 11th/95.

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PERMANENT ADDRESS.

KOLHAPUR, S.M.C.

INDIA.

Poona

Aug. 22nd
1895.

I am
sorry that you
had to give up
the Western India
Mission.

My dear Spear-

Please find inclosed
the action of the Poona Kirk
Session which represents the
native Christians in connection
with the Free Church of
Scotland and the Established
Church of Scotland Missions.

So far as I know
the missionaries have nothing
to do with this session action.
It represents the wishes of
the native Christians them-
selves, and has moved
Moorehead and me much.

it should not be stopped. The Holy Spirit
has opened a wide door and we dare not
close it. We are thinking seriously of remain-
ing here until February. Do you approve?

Boona has 116,000 inhabitants. The educated
men seem willing to hear, for we
had about five hundred at each
lecture in the theatre; our subjects
were "Sin", "God", "Religious Work in America, &c."

We have a room in the heart of
the city, near the Pulsi Bagh (leading temple,

The missionaries also wish
us to remain.

The work among Students
is most hopeful. The average
attendance at our daily
Bible class is fifty or more.
Several are real inquirers - all
are needy, since there is
here no Mission High School
or College in which they can
learn of Christ. My
knowledge of Marathi is
giving me an advantage
which I did not possess
in Calcutta, for the students
often prefer to talk in the
vernacular.

Those who are watching
the work recognize God's
hand in it and feel that

and the Native Library.
Here we spend four hours
daily (except Monday) to meet
inquirers. At Six P.M. daily
we have our Bible Class on
the Life of Jesus. John's Gos-
pel is our text book. The
class is opened by singing
and prayer.

This work is quite exhausting.
Four hours of continuous
talking daily with these Ken-
men is physically a strain,
but the peace and rest of
heart is great, praise God!

Do continue to pray,
dear Speer & ask for a definite
& speedy break.

Your friend
Robert F. Wilder.
P.S. I thank God that we

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Poona

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Sep. 19th

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My dear Spear-

Many thanks for your good letter of Aug. 15th.

I am very glad that you like "The Spirit Filled Life" and that you are sending one to each of the Missions to which you write. My only regret is that all our Missions will not get it for it is so helpful.

Marshall Bros. write me "We shall be pleased to supply 'Spirit Filled Life' for quantities of 25 and upwards @ half price $\frac{1}{3}$ carriage extra." It might be well to mention this in future orders. I should like to give \$20 towards sending the book to Missions to which you do not send it.

Please employ the inclosed draft towards Mr.

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Simonson's Salary. The balance, together with the above mentioned \$20, please take from my salary. Ask Mr. Dulles to send me no funds until the \$700 for Simonson's support & the \$20 for "Spirit Filled Life" are made up.

Monday night a young Brahman, Goring Naryan Bhole, was baptized. For two years he has been studying about Christ. Last May he asked for baptism but was not considered ready since it seemed that he was not vitally joined to Jesus.

He has been coming to our class in the city and since he gave strong evidence of conversion I urged this baptism. The head of the Church of Scotland Mission was also convinced that he was now really joined to Christ; so the ceremony took place.

Before his Baptism a wealthy,

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relative offered him a position as Superintendent of an estate. Another relative, who is Inspector of Schools, promised him a good position as teacher if he would not become a Christian. His mother implored him not to disgrace & ruin her by baptism. But Jesus triumphed. He stood firm.

One who has been in India twenty years said that it was the most impressive Baptismal service she has seen. Moorhead and I prayed, the native Pastor baptized him and then I gave a short address on Acts 9: 3-22. The Spirit of God was present in power. One feels how important it is that when a convert is baptized with water he should at the same time be baptized with the Holy Spirit. It seems that there was no interval

between in Paul's case. acts 9:17-18

after Baptism Govind tore
off his sacred thread. What a
miracle of grace to see a proud
Brahman willing to lay aside caste!

Tuesday all was quiet in the
city since the news of the baptism
had not spread.

after my bat on Wednesday
night Govind appeared and begged
the privilege of addressing the
Brahmans. He spoke with wonder-
ful courage. 'Christ has saved me
I am ready to die for Him. You
can do what you wish to me, sé.'

Telling those men of his Baptism
was like throwing a lighted
match into a powder magazine.
Ridicule & abuse was not all.
One kicked him & another went
to the length of spitting in his
face. Later poor Govind was weeping
& on my asking him the reason,
came the reply I do not know.

their kicking me, but it was hard
& have them spit in my face. I
told him that our Lord was thus
treated "and they spat upon Him,
and took the reed and smote Him
on the head."

Had not Moorhead & I been
with him Govind might have been
seriously injured. It was hard work
to get him through the crowd into
the carriage & after we were seated
a shower of dirt was thrown into
the carriage window. But two
Brahman students delighted us.
One said to Govind "You did
right." Another said to me "You
must be glad to see the fruit
of your preaching. More may
be converted. I am ready & I
if convinced." Praise God for
the courage of these two & pray
for their speedy conversion.
Last night we had a
most exciting time in our room.

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During singing one cried out in honour of the god, gumpati. He was promptly removed. Then there was comparative quiet inside but a large crowd gathered outside. I went down and spoke to them & quieted them somewhat.

Upstairs student - called me aside & said 'you will have trouble tonight.' I urged upon him the claims of Christ saying that we did not object to trouble and persecution, but longed for his salvation. He said 'Yesterday I joined in opposing Govind, but in my heart I was glad that he was baptized.' We prayed. He is very near the Kingdom.

Another student called Mon head aside & said 'Last night I was so happy that it was difficult to sleep. I have brought my best friend. Tell him what

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you told me yesterday & read to him
just those verses you read to me.
The friend thought it very strange
that V. should be so earnest &
added "V. says to me 'believe, believe',
but I do not know how to."

This Brahman, V., has found
so much in Christ that he is eager
to have his friend share his joy.
It was inspiring to see a Brahman
student talking of Christ to a
fellow student notwithstanding
the uproar down stairs!

When the lecture was over a
student brought me his Bible &
said 'Keep it, please; the crowd
down on the street is tearing
up Bibles after snatching them
from the members of the class.
They will tear mine unless you
take charge of it.' I put his Bible
in my bag, the lights were exting-
uished, the door locked. As I was
feeling my way down the stairs.

a Brahman inquirer whispered 'Be careful, Mr. Wilder'. It was sweet to have his friendship at such a trying time, even tho' he was so timid. On reaching the street I went up to the crowd remarking that there was a larger number outside than in & asking the meaning of the gathering. One said 'We are advising all students to keep away from your rooms. It is our duty & do so'. I replied "None need come if unwilling to come. At the beginning of our work we said so, did we not?" "Yes," was the reply. Then a student pushed another into me & something about the size of a croquet ball flew past my face. Then I spoke to the crowd "You are doing nothing new. For 1800 years Christians have been persecuted. We rejoice that we are counted worthy & suffer dishonour for Christ's sake. If you

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purpose is to persecute us, do so. We
are ready & willing." The crowd was
quiet while I spoke, & I believe
one said "We have nothing against
you". Moorhead & I went to our
tonga (carriage). One cried "Break
the tonga" - Another threw a stone
against the tonga & we drove home.

Of course we know not what
will take place this afternoon.
Our prayer is Acts 4:29-30. Pray for
us, dear Speer, that we may be
constantly filled with the Holy
Spirit & speak God's word with boldness.

Last Saturday was a Day
of Prayer for Native Christians.
From 8 to 9:30 was the first
session. Subject "Incentives &
United Prayer".

12:30 & 3 Men met in one
church & women in another.

The first hour "Hindrances &
Prayer" was the subject. Then
"Confession, Humiliation & Restoration".

Our last session was 5:30 to 7:15
 Many were helped. Max & I prepared
 for them a Prayer Cycle which I
 send you. It was such a joy to
 be able to address them in
 Marathi.

Tomorrow I expect to address
 native Christian young men (in
 Marathi) on the Baptism of the
 Spirit.

Will you please have your
 type writer strike off the above
 and send one copy to my
 brother W. R. Wilder, 45 Cedar St.
 and another to Mr. McWilliams?
 I have no stenographer and am
 very busy. Wonderful opportunities
 for work among students, native
 Christians & missionaries. Pray that
 I may have physical & spiritual strength.

With kindest regards to
 Mrs. Speer & yourself from us both
 Yours affectionately

Oct. 20/95.

Robert C. Wilder

30 4 Arsenal Road,
Poona.

October 29th 1895.

My dear Speer:

Am writing just to ask you especially to remember me in your prayers during the month of December when Wilber expects to be in Ceylon with Mott, at a time when the responsibility of the Mission to the Brahmaes devolves, humanly speaking, upon myself.

Wilber has written you

and by others who even have succeeded in breaking up our little meeting on two or three occasions.

A good number of men are sufficiently interested to seek us out & to come pretty regularly to the lecture. We know of several with whom the Spirit of God is dealing (& there are many here, I am sure, who are being drawn, but about whom we can know nothing); a very few have passed, I believe from death unto life - 2 cases out of 5 who profess to believe in Jesus are

in detail about the work here;
but I would add a few lines
at least.

In answer to prayer the
work is extending: not in-
frequently upward^s of 100 come
to the so-called lecture (the
exposition of a paragraph of S.
Luke's gospel) in the evening.
And not the least encouraging
sign is the increased opposition
manifested by parents & guardians
who forbid lads to come to the
hall, and by a clique of older
Brahmans who act as spies

most promising.

The reluctance, indeed the refusal of these lads to be baptized at once, leads one to question how deep a work of grace has been done. Three days ago I had a talk with a student about whose profession I was a little sceptical. He is 18 - his parents live in a neighboring city; & his father is a man of position and wealth. In 15 days this boy expects to matriculate in the Bombay University. He knows perfectly well that the day he is

baptized he will be disinherited
 & every human prospect will
 be blighted. The conversation
 will indicate, perhaps, where he
 stands:

M. Do you know that it is
 rather a perilous thing to believe
 in Jesus & not to confess
 him boldly? Matt x: 32, 33

Ans. But I mean to confess
 Him by baptism after the exam.
 Then it will be easy to obtain
 a position & earn £20 by
 which I can support myself

M. But you are deceiving
 your father; for you know he

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for the sins of the whole world but He died
for me. And then he added very simply, &
with a little reproach in his voice because I
had doubted him. "I love Jesus."

The joy of bringing the Lord Jesus
to these lads is deeper than I ever conceived
at home; and yet sometimes I feel like
just taking a solid year for study of my
Bible & these systems of religion. I want—
you to ask that Jesus may be unto me
wisdom in this work, & that just as the need

wouldn't support you if he knew you were a Christian at heart.

Ans. I don't understand why you call this deception.

M. Suppose you fail in yr exam, what then?

Ans. I don't expect to fail. Jesus answered prayer & I passed my prelim. several weeks ago. I am sure He will not disappoint me.

M. How do you know you are saved?

Ans. Jesus died not only

arises I may receive "fresh
views & unfoldings of the
Lord Jesus" & be delivered
from the ~~folly of~~ folly
of drawing upon human
insufficiency

We do so need to trust,
to keep on trusting in the
Holy Ghost to do His own
work in convicting of sin.

I had meant to write
but a page or two! Forgive
me for rambling on

But one word more:
When you speak to students

Especially to ~~old~~ ^{students} volunteers.
Tell ~~them~~ [^] what a splendid
field there is in the scores
of Indian cities where there
are students by the thousands.
So very accessible - students
by tens of thousands who do
not know even the way of
salvation ^{because no one has told them}. More & more, as
I work among them, am I
filled with amazement
that they are so severely
left alone.)

It costs very much less
to live in India than at home

Calcutta, Lahore, Hyderabad, Amritsar
and Belgium. The crippled state of
most mission boards leads me to lay
stress upon the need of men who are
quite independent of mission funds.

With kind regards, Yours in the
fellowship of Jehovah Tidkenu
Max Wood Moorhead

If single men & married men
too, with some means, even
with limited incomes could
be induced to come here
where the need is so painfully
great, ~~we would evangelize~~
^{would be evangelized}
India much more rapidly
I am convinced, by reaching
this Student Class whose
members come from the
villages & lesser towns to
educational centers like
Poona, Bombay, Madras.

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4 Arsenal Road

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In a few minutes I must be off to the Students' Hall where we continue having good audiences and attention, notwithstanding an occasional boycott and stoning. May I just mention the last boycott? It took place on a Sunday evening. Students were not coming, so I went down the stairs to ascertain the cause, and found two Hindus forcibly preventing men from entering the hall. When the leader pretended not to know English I addressed him in Marathi. Four students entered the hall with me, but they soon took to flight. Then Dr. HAMILTON went down and tried to break the boycott. He was the target for half-a-dozen stones. My servant also was hit on his head with a stone. However, after a time we had an audience of a hundred in our hall.

Several days later the leader of this boycott hunted me up and asked for a private interview. When alone with him he told me that he had been paid to institute the boycott, and that he had done it as an act of religion; but after doing it, while asleep, he dreamed, and in his dream he saw Jesus. The dream so moved him that he decided to help instead of hinder our work, and had urged students to enter our hall and listen to our addresses. He said that they would prove his statement to be true if I should ask them. He wanted to know the power in our religion. This man has given us no more trouble, and has been himself to three or four meetings since the boycott. The other night he was on a front seat listening most attentively.

Last night a young Brahman came to our house. He believes in Jesus and is suffering for Him. His brother burned the young man's effigy, and performed his funeral rites. He sought refuge with a Christian medical student. The non-Christian medical students drove him away, and threatened to beat him if he should return. They wrote to his people, and men from his village are in Poona searching for him. The poor fellow was afraid to leave, so I gave him shelter for the night. It was a real joy to have him sleeping in the room near me.

To-day, the 21st, he is here again. When he left my house yesterday he went to the Brahman mess for his meal. Men of his village caught him, took away some of his clothes and locked him up. Early this morning he managed to escape from them and has appeared at my door, turbanless and very scantily clad. It is a great joy to give such a sufferer for the Lord food and lodging. He is of age, so that his people have no legal rights over him. I wish that friends in America knew all he has endured, and I wish that they could hear him pray. Pray for him, please.

A few nights ago I left the Students' Hall with Mr. LOVER, Superintendent of the Wharf and Warehouse Company, Colombo. He had been speaking to the Brahman students. As we were walking along, he was hit on the hip by a stone. The same time Mr. MOARES was struck by a stone between his shoulders, and felt the pain for three days. I have had in my mind much of late those words: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

We have many interruptions. Since writing the above, another Brahman, 17 years of age, has come here for shelter. He refuses to leave his Christian brother; says that his faith in Christ is firm. Three days ago he refused to worship the idol in his father's temple. His father, who is head priest in the temple, told him to go; so now he has come to his Christian brother. It is a joy to take these dear fellows in.

Things seem most encouraging here. I firmly believe that soon many of these Brahman students will be baptized. Do pray much. Ask that my dear wife and I may be channels so clean and so closely united to God that His power may flow through us hour by hour to these thirsty ones. Ask also that I may have physical strength. The rush of meetings is very great. Yesterday eight came here to see me—seven Indians and an unconverted officer in the British army, also a Christian officer.

We have been praying about the future, and it does not seem right to leave Poona at this most important time when the Spirit is so manifestly working. The Conference of Missionaries, which invited us to Poona last July, has asked us to stay on till the end of October. A wealthy lady has offered us her house, free of rent, until Nov. 15th. It is a two-story house, furnished, situated very near the Ferguson College. For some time we have been praying for this native College, and were longing to get at its students. Now we can get this beautiful home next door to the College. Oh, how good God is!

I hope that the Board will approve of our staying on.

(Signed)

Yours in Christ,

ROBERT P. WILDER.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

May 15th
1896.

My dear Speer - Wilder.

Many thanks for
sending me the report of
the Fourth Conference of
the Officers & Representatives
of the P. M. Boards.

Will you please let
me know your personal
opinion of Dr. Kenin's book
on Methods? Do you and
your colleagues think his
plan good for India?
I presented it at a monthly

because of my youth. One has to be very careful with the dear old missionaries.

May I mention a fact? A Tamil Church of 246 members has a pastor who receives one hundred rupees a month. Rs 72.8 come from the meet. Rs 27.8 are given by the church. Of this sum (Rs 27.8) five rupees are contributed by the mission. Rs 10.8 (of the Rs 22.8 remaining) come from the European missionaries; leaving not more than Rs 12 contributed by the congregation itself!! No comments are necessary, but something should be done and done soon. Some Indian Christians seem to read thus "Freely ye have received, freely take." Let us pray much for these churches. J.

meeting of the Poona Mission-
ary Conference and a very
lively discussion followed.
The subject was deemed
so important that the
next meeting of Conference
was given up to the same
subject. I was in Madras
at the second meeting of
Conference, but am told
that the Rev John Small,
an old missionary of the
Free Church of Scotland,
spoke strongly against Dr.
Verine's plan as applicable to
India.

I feel deeply on this
subject, but cannot say much

I am sending you the Report of the Bengal Mission of the F. C. of Scotland. Please read the incident mentioned on pp 6 - 9. I do not know the young man, but I know the difficulties such men have to face. Oh, Speer do get home christians to pray more for this work.

Will you do me a very great favour? Will you wherever you go ask prayers for my wife and me? Our only hope is in God. We are looking to Him to work mightily in Poona during the rains. ask that this may be a reaping time.

We long for the souls of these
dear students. "This kind can
come out by nothing, save by
prayer" Mark 9:29 R.V.

What do you think of
Principal Farguhar's article
sent you last week?

But as it is mail day
I must not write more.
Mother, sister and wife join
me in kindest regards to your
self and Mrs. Spear.

Yours in Christ
Robert C. Wilder
4 Stanch Road,
Poona,
India.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

To

The Board of
Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church
in U. S. A.

From December to March last six Student Volunteer conferences were held in Jaffna, Bombay, Lahore, Lucknow, Calcutta and Madras. The objects of these conferences were:-

- (1) To promote spiritual life and activity among Christian Students.
- (2) To consider the most approved methods for reaching non-Christian students.
- (3) To discuss the important part which educated young men must take in the evangelization of India.
- (4) To wait unitedly on God for power from on high.

The aggregate attendance of student delegates was over one thousand. There were present over three hundred missionaries representing

representing about sixty societies or practically all the leading missionary agencies at work in India and Ceylon. All the conferences were remarkable for spiritual depth and power. Men representing each conference met at Madras at the close of the series to make plans for conserving and extending the work. After two days of prayerful conference together it was unanimously decided to have another similar series of meetings next year. It was also decided to have an executive committee of the Student Volunteer Movement of India and Ceylon.

We, the members of the executive committee, have learned that Mr. R. Speer is about to visit some of the mission fields. In behalf of the Student Volunteer movement, we earnestly request that Mr. Speer's visit be so planned that he can attend some, if not all, of the Student volunteer conferences between December 1896 and March 1897. Mr. John R. Mott rendered great assistance in launching this student movement. We feel that Mr. Speer would render most valuable help in conserving and extending it. The experience which he has gained in connection with his duties as the Secretary of your board in the work amongst western students fits him in a very special sense ~~to~~ to render us the help we need just now.

In three of the conferences viz in
North West Provinces, ^{Punjab} ~~Lahore~~ ^{Lahore}, and Bombay
Presidency

Presidency he will render ~~not only~~ assistance
not only to other missionaries but also to delegates
from your Ludhiana, Furrukabad and Western
India Missions.

Trusting you may see the way
to grant our request and asking you to pray
for the new Student movement which we
represent.

Yours in Christ's service,

Crayden Edmunds
(Sec. Calcutta Auxiliary Bible Society)
Robert P. Wilder

Committee!

Though it can scarcely be said to come within the appointed work of this Association, your Committee cannot but refer to the great work which has been going on at Poona among the students, under the teaching of the well-known missionary, Mr. Wilder, along with Mr. Moorhead. Many of the young men have, in spite of bitter persecution, bravely made confession of their faith in Jesus. To not a few of these Miss Bernard has been a wise teacher and a kind friend.

the small community. He has learnt to read a little. I hope his baptism may be very soon. The Church decided that he should wait a little longer.

My own time has been mostly taken up by personal work at home. The Lord has answered prayer by stirring many hearts among the young in Poona to consider the claims of Christ. As a natural consequence some have come continually to read and pray and inquire. Nine have been baptized in our Union Presbyterian Church; four others, taught in our Mission, have been baptized elsewhere. The Lord has blessed Mr. Wilder's and Mr. Moorhead's work among the students here. Two whom Mr. Wilder has been used to teach will, we hope, confess Christ next Sunday. This student's work belongs to all the Churches. I have had some small share in helping to teach those who come to the house, and once or twice taking a Bible Class at the City Hall. Mr. Wilder's and Tamil David's words have been blessed to quicken spiritual life in some of our native workers. Nothing could be so joyful to me as this. One of our people I heard most earnestly thanking God for the Holy Spirit coming to dwell in his heart. He is a man whom I felt was not quite right, and I then said to myself, "If this is true, confession will surely follow." A few weeks later, in a large meeting of his brethren and some Europeans, this man had the courage and truth to rise and say, "There were some things in my life I found which were wrong. I had not thought them so; however, I see it, and I have left them off."

Confidential.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

My dear Spear

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Many thanks for your two good letters. We also feel grateful for the \$100 allowance. The 'little one' was born Jan. 24.

We are very glad to hear that you are coming out to India. We will welcome you most heartily to our home in Panna and hope that you can see something of the work here. If you will allow me I shall engage the cinema apparatus for you. I have addressed in this building an audience of about six hundred Brahmans. Can you give us a

least four nights? do not pass
by Poona. It is a very import-
ant centre. The National Congress
& Social Conference met here
last December. It is only five
hours from Bombay by rail.
How glad we shall be to see
you and Mrs. Speer! There are
very many things I want to
talk over with you.

But really, Speer, you must
give a longer time to India.
You need time to understand any-
thing about this land. It would
be almost as reasonable to attempt
to understand Europe in eighteen
days! Moreover we want your
help in our S. V. M. Conference.
Nath helped much in launching
the Movement. We want your
help in conserving & extending it.

God has given you distinct gifts
for reaching educated men and
your experience among western
Students fits you to render us
first the help which we need now.
So pray much over this and give
this mighty Empire at least
two months.

Where can one get your
book on Bible Studies on the charac-
ter of Christ. We want to see it.
We also want your photographs for
which we have been waiting long.
Please send them soon.

Many thanks for the appor-
tunities. Our house rent is very
heavy in Poona - Rs 100 a month.
The rent of the Students Hall in the
city is Rs 20 a month. Printing hand-
bills, posters, cards & hymn sheets is not
something also coming here. Would
the Board object if I apply for
of Rs 1200 to the above objects?
In Poona we (all missionaries)
have to pay income tax on salary;

Now I must bring
before you a very important
proposition from Matt. Please
consider as inter nos. He
writes "Letter just received from
America for the next S. V. M. Con-
vention for Feb. or March 1898. I
told you that the Federa-
tion Convention will be held at
Northfield in 1897 about July 18.
It is of the greatest importance
that you be at both of these
conventions. He wants me to spend
the time between these two Con-
ventions in work among the
Theological Seminaries.

What he writes does please
me strongly & me. Do you
think that the Board would
make any objection to my
returning to America in June
1897? I left America in June

1891,, I believe. Did I ever write you
that the Executive of the S. M. W. M.
kindly agreed to pay my expenses
to the "People's Convention"?

Another matter, Matt writes
"I am hoping, that you may decide
to give it the winter season
before your starting to America & the
Irish in route calls into Y. M. C. A.
work. You could do much & more, by
deputing me to handle it & say nothing
of planting agitators where there is
such need of them, and also to say
nothing of the second session of Con-
ference. I am sure I can get the
money, subscribed to & so on for salary
and expenses for the time; but I can
not make sure. Also make him
for how long you will take the
work, and the rate of salary, &c. &c."

Evidently Matt's proposition
will necessitate resigning from the
Board and placing myself in

the Indian National Council or the
American Y. M. C. A. or both. His most
recent agreement that I should carry
on my present line of work under
the Board until my first furlough.
If so, how could it be right for me to
accept Motilal's proposition? Moreover
could it say I resign my connection
with the Board for a single winter
Season's work? Might it not disappoint
the Board and make it difficult after
my furlough to carry on this student
work under the Board as I have been
doing. I am delighted with the present
arrangement and love to work under
our Board. The Board has been
most considerate and most generous
to me. We are fully satisfied, our cup
runneth over. But we must not
be selfish, if God would I have
us take up Y. M. C. A. work.
But, to be frank, I do not feel
as drawn to Y. M. C. A. work as to
my present line of work. It is
my firm conviction that the educated
Hindus can be won to Christ

without any side attractions i.e. such as
schools, colleges, evening classes, socials
or athletics. It seems to me that our
work in Poona is showing this.
If there be here in Poona, such an
ingathering that this can be clearly
demonstrated then in other great
centres men may work similarly.
Why should our earnest consecrated
workers toil in the class room
teaching secular subjects or spend
hours running social & athletic Com-
mittees if educated men can be
reached on purely evangelistic
lines?

But I must close since
it is late. I have written to you
very frankly & this is a copy for
your eye. Will you not please
write me as frankly, since the
subject is of very great importance.
I send you some clippings
from a Church of Scotland paper
since you have asked me to send
such.

Please pray most earnestly for
Conversion here, and for all others
& pray. With kindest regards
to Mrs. Spence & yourself from us,
I am your affectionate friend
Robert D. Wild,
4 Starry Road,
Rangoon,
India.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

Dear Dr. Ellinwood:-

Please bring the
inclosure before the
Board at your first
meeting.

The third member
of our Executive Com-
mittee, Mr. J. Campbell
White, is away from

encouraging. The audiences are keeping
up - a little above the average in
numbers - and the attention better than
it has been. Joglekar, who was baptized
last March was carried off the other
day & Nasik by some one of his relatives.
The Brahmans beat him - One wrote
that he was dead; but he turned up
here, having escaped from them.
God's presence and power is with us.
So pray for us.

Yours very sincerely

Robert P. Wilder

4 Stanley Road
Poona.

P.S. In a house just opposite ours there
has been cholera & three were removed to
the Hospital where they have died. ^{From} a
Compound very near us on the other side
one who was ill has been removed & she
too has died of cholera. This house is between
us and the wind! But God is round about us.

India and hence he
cannot sign.

We do hope and
pray that Mr. Speer
may be sent to us.

It is important
that we should know
as early as possible in
order to arrange for
meetings.

You are often in
my thoughts. Pray for
this work among educat-
ed men. It is most

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Copy of a letter from Mr. ROBERT P. McWILLIAMS, Missionary in India supported by Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Sabbath School through THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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POONA, October 1st, 1896.

Dear Mr. McWILLIAMS :

The past four months have been unusually busy ones for me. Besides the regular work among educated natives, there has been extra work in connection with the Student Volunteer Movement of India and Ceylon.

On September 3d I sent to you a copy of the Prayer Cycle upon which many hours have been spent. To-day I am sending you "An Appeal for India*" upon which I have been working more or less for five months. To collect, sift and put together this material has been an arduous undertaking. Please let this Appeal come before my church in the place of a personal letter. Pray that these facts may burn their way into the hearts of Christians in America, Europe and Australasia, and that as a result there may be such praying and giving and going that India shall soon be evangelized.

Pray for the three Brahmin converts. *Krishna* was away from us for some time. I hear that considerable pressure was brought to bear upon him to visit Nasik (a holy place of Hinduism), and to return to Hinduism by taking Prayaschit (atonement). But he returned to us instead of going to Nasik, and is now in the Mission High School at Ahmednuggar. I heard to-day from Rev. H. M. Lamson that *Krishna's* brother come last week for the purpose of sending him to Akola, but *Krishna* was given grace to resist this temptation. Praise God.

Govind Bhide, who was baptized last September, is supporting himself by teaching. He was married recently to one of Pundita Ramabai's pupils. My mother and sister have invited them to come to Kolhapur for three weeks, and they purpose leaving to-night.

*This pamphlet is now being re-published by Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Sabbath School. Copies may be obtained on application to D. W. McWilliams, Superintendent, No. 39 South Portland Avenue, Brooklyn.

Joglekar is the most satisfactory of these three converts. He is a growing Christian. His delight in the word of God is very encouraging. Some time ago he was carried off to Nasik and beaten. But he would not renounce Christianity and deny our Lord. While we were praying for him he escaped from his persecutors, and is now living on our compound. He supports himself by teaching in a Mission School.

No one at home knows the many calls upon a missionary's time. I have just now finished an interview with a student of the College of Science. He is a Christian and the best student in his class. This evening I expect to talk with a young Hindu who is asking for Baptism. This morning I had a very delicate and difficult interview with the Maharajah* of Kolhapur. Possibly this case would interest you, so I will mention it.

Twenty years ago Raunbai, a Mahar girl, was in my mother's school. Now she has become a Christian, but the sad part of the story is that as soon as she was baptized her money and her boy were taken away from her. The magistrate is a Brahman, and of course sympathizes with the uncle and not with the mother. The people of her caste say to her, "If you had only been guilty of the grossest sins we could have forgiven you, but we cannot forgive your becoming a Christian." I put the facts before His Highness, the Maharajah, and before his secretary. We hope and pray that Raunbai may get back her boy. She is a widow, and it does seem that she should be allowed to have her own child. One wishes that those who are so enthusiastic over the Parliament of Religions could see Hinduism as it really is. *Platform Hinduism in Chicago is very different from practical Hinduism in Western India.*

With kindest regards to the Church and School, Dr. Gregg and yourself from my wife and me, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

ROBERT P. WILDER,

4 Staveley Road, Poona, India.

* A great Hindu prince.

SIN.

BY ROBERT P. WILDER, M. A.

OUR age is one of transition. Opinions vary daily, and men delight in investigation and in discoveries. Science unfolds new truths and abounds in new theories. Religion also is the object of research, and the ground of controversy; but both science and religion have basic truths which research cannot alter, nor discovery change.

The foundation truth in religion is sin. It is found wherever man exists. Sin is the common ground of all religions, the object of attack in all faiths, and the disease which all creeds profess to cure. Let us seek to understand the malady. In this search I ask all to join me; for all recognize the existence of sin.

The Hindu's Shashtra says: *Pápoh'am, pápakarmāham, pápátmá pápásombhava* "I am sin; I commit sin; my soul is sinful; I am conceived in sin."

The Mohammedan's Koran records that even the greatest patriarch and prophets need the pardon of their sins. With reference to Mahomed himself the Koran speaks of "the forgiving of his former and of his subsequent sins" [Sura *Al Fath* xlv. v. 2], and also that God "hath eased the burden which galled thy back." [Sura xciv. v. 2, 3]. Moreover the following tradition is found in the collection of the Imam Muslim. "One day Mahomed told Ayesha that *every child* born of the seed of Adam, received the prick of Satan at its birth, and was affected thereby, excepting only the son of Mary and His mother."

In the Christian's Bible are the words "there is none righteous; no, not one." Romans iii. 10.

Though sin is as universal as man, the sense of sin varies. Cannibals do not think it criminal to kill and eat a captive taken in war. Civilized man regards this act as revolting, horrible and deeply sinful. Why the difference in standard? If my room be curtained so that the light cannot enter, I am unable to detect uncleanness within it. But if the curtains be slightly drawn aside I can detect dust on tables, chairs, and larger objects; but it is impossible to ascertain whether the corners are clean. When the doors and windows are thrown wide open so that the light streams in, flooding the room, then I can see clearly cobwebs in remote corners, and dust in distant crevices. So it is with man. The cannibal has so shut out God's light from his heart, that he neither sees nor feels sin as we do. We have sufficient light to reveal to us grosser sins such as cannibalism, adultery, murder, and theft. But before we fully realize the uncleanness of our lives we must throw open the windows and doors of our souls to God's searching light. If this be done each one of us will cry out with the prophet Isaiah: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts."

Before God's searching glance the righteousness of the best men is "as a polluted garment." The sinlessness of our hearts does not depend upon our feelings any more than the cleanliness of a room depends upon the feeling of its owner. If the room be dark the owner may say it is clean because he neither sees nor feels the filth, but he is not a competent witness until light illuminates the darkness. One says, "I am not a sinner, because I feel and see no sin in me." Let in the light, and then you will see enough to prostrate you; for if the light of God's Spirit enter, conviction of sin will follow. Light will enter the darkest heart if its doors and windows are not wilfully shut and barred.

2. You have heard it said that it is safe to sin if one is not found out and sin is undetected. Had Charles S. Parnell died without being detected in his crime of adultery, would he have been any less a sinner? Men would have praised him and spoken of his pure personal and political life; but he would have been a hell-deserving sinner, whether detected or not. There may be many who are living in sin, and yet are clever enough to cover that sin. Such men are double-dyed sinners; being guilty of the carefully concealed sin and being guilty also of hypocrisy, that is pretending to be pure when the life is impure. "Woe unto you.... hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

Let us not regard ourselves good because our neighbours call us blameless. Character is more important than reputation.

3. Again, sin is not to be restricted to the realm of actions. To be sure, actions are the manifestations of sin to the world; but its seat is in the heart. Human law judges a man to be a murderer when the blow is struck and another's life blood ebbs away. God says "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer," 1 John iii. 15. God also says, "Every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. v. 28. Men cannot judge thoughts because they cannot see thoughts. "The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." God sees thoughts as well as actions. Men judge by actions. God judges by thoughts which are the sources of actions. Men judge by effects. God, and God alone, judges causes which produce effects. Men judge the streams. God judges the fountains from which the streams flow. Hence He says, "Blessed are the pure *in heart*." "Keep *thy heart* with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

In crossing the Atlantic Ocean one sometimes sees cone-shaped icebergs which tower above the horizon like temple spires. Every foot of ice in this mass above the water's surface represents many feet *out of sight* below the water line. So the sins we see in human actions are as the discerned peaks of the hidden icebergs—each represents many sins of thought, which lie hidden in the heart.

In Calcutta I have had several hundred interviews with Bengalee gentlemen, and have asked several if they are willing to have their thoughts for a year published in book form for the perusal of their friends. Not one consented. If our thoughts cannot stand the test of our fallible fellow men, how can they stand before the infallible God who "searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts."

4. Sin is not merely a matter of wrong actions or wrong thoughts toward our fellow men. A Robinson Crusoe may have no companions whom he can injure by thought or deed; but yet he can sin, for he can injure himself by impurity. Some men flee to the jungle in the hope that they may escape from sin by escaping from Society. In solitude the ascetic learns that his worst foes are within his heart and that he cannot run away from himself.

5. Sin is in its essential character preeminently religious, as we shall presently see. If sin violates the laws of a state, or of Society, it is *crime*. This is a legal term. If we mean that which wrongs our nature, then sin is *vice*. This is an ethical term. In still another aspect sin interferes with our happiness and is therefore *evil*. This is a philosophical term. But sin has to do with our Maker; and hence its primary signification is *religious*. He who created me has a greater claim upon me than Society, or even than I have myself. If a slave injures himself he wrongs the master whose property he is. If a sentient creature injures himself or his fellow creatures, he wrongs the Creator. The Psalmist David struck at the root principle of sin when he exclaimed. "Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Thy sight," Psalm li. 4.

Joseph also understood the essential quality of sin as is seen in his answer to Potiphar's wife, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

Sin has in it the quality of infinitude because it hinders "eternal fellowship with God, and eternal progress toward the Divine."

As is sin so must be salvation. If sin were something superficial like a wart we might risk being careless about it; but since it is a malignant cancer how dare we ignore its poisonous presence. Let us rather employ drastic measures for its removal. Since sin has in it the quality of infinitude, salvation must have in it the same quality. The cure must be adequate to the disease.

In another letter we intend to discuss the cure.

Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God; and God's law, in the words of Jesus, is—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength—Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself"—without any limitation of time, place or people. If thou hast done this wholly, always, and everywhere, ever since thou

wert responsible for thine actions, thou art sinless ; if thou didst fail in the least iota thou art a sinner, needing God's salvation from sin. Says John Bunyan, the immortal author of the *Pilgrim's Progress*—

Sin is the living worm, the lasting fire ;
Hell soon would lose its heat, could sin expire.

Better sinless in hell, than to be where,
Heaven is, and to be found a sinner there.

One sinless with infernals might do well,
But sin would make of heaven a very hell.

Look to thyself then, keep it out of door,
Lest it get in and never leave thee more.

Fools make a mock of sin, will not believe,
It carries such a dagger in its sleeve.

How can it be, say they, that such a thing,
So full of sweetness, e'er should wear a sting.

They know not that it is the very spell
Of sin, to make them laugh themselves to hell.

Look to thyself then, keep it out of door,
Lest he, who saves, against thee shuts the door.

Faber, to the same effect, moralises on Sin—

My God ! my God, and can it be,
That I should sin so lightly now.

And think no more of evil thoughts,
Than of the wind that waves the bough ?

I sin : and heaven and earth go round,
As if no dreadful thing were done,

As if God's blood had never flowed
To hinder sin or to atone.

I walk the earth with lightsome step,
Smile at the sunshine, breathe the air.

Do my own will nor ever heed,
Gethsemane and thy long prayer.

Shall it be always thus, O Lord ?
Wilt Thou not work this hour in me

The grace thy passion merited,
Hatred of self and love of thee ?

Oh, by the pains of thy pure love,
Grant me the gift of holy fear.

And, by thy death, thy bloody sweat,
Oh wash my guilty conscience clear.

SALVATION.

BY ROBERT P. WILDER, M. A.

IN approaching this subject we are confronted by two main theories. First, that we can save ourselves without any outside help; Secondly, that we are helpless in ourselves and must remain so unless some outside help lift us out of sin into holiness.

1. Those who maintain the former position fall into two classes: Those who hold that men must save themselves by external effort; for example by penance, pilgrimage, bathing in sacred streams and bodily torture. Again, Those who say that we must save ourselves by internal effort, for example by renouncing sin through force of will.

(a) Only a few words need be said about the former class. Let us suppose that a man sits during a shower in a water-tight room, but after the rain has ceased he stoutly maintains that the falling water has cleansed his body. We reply the rain has washed the roof and the sides of your house, but you yourself are untouched for you were beyond the reach of the water. So when a man bathes in a river to wash away his sins we say the water has touched your body and cleansed it, but it could not by any conceivable means have reached your soul. The physical and material water can not come into contact with the spiritual and immaterial soul. Moreover just as a man leaves his house, so at death the soul leaves its body, showing that the two are distinct even though during the earthly life they are more closely united than a man and his house. Paul the apostle brings out this distinction in the words "We are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord."

(b) Can men save themselves by *internal* effort? If a stone is rolling down a mountain side we know that it moves faster each foot of its fall than it did during the preceding foot. Can we imagine that there is sufficient power in the stone to stop itself and push itself up to the mountain top whence it rolled down? If a man has had a dangerous disease of body or of mind since childhood and the disease has daily developed additional power until it is practically master of the man, can we expect that he has in himself sufficient energy to shake it off? From the day of their birth to the present moment sin scares and masters men, so that we can say with the writer of Holy Writ, "and the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Daily, sin's destructive power dethrones the conscience and deadens the will. Has man within himself the energy to shake off this monster? Having fallen so fast and so far can he in his own strength climb back to the summit of holiness from which our race descended! This descent is thus described; "Knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of

the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things." Ovid among the Romans testifies to his inability as follows: "I see and approve the better things, whilst I follow those which are worse."

Paul also states his inability. "I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I know not: for not what I would, that do I practise; but what I hate that I do."

But even if it were possible for us in our own strength to stop sinning, this theory of salvation fails, since no provision is made for *past* sins. If we have made up our minds never to commit another sin, as long as we could have the power to carry out this resolution what about the sins committed up to date?

For example, supposing that I owe another a lakh of rupees and am brought by him to the court. The Judge permits me to plead in my defence and I do so by promising never to be in debt again as long as I live. The Judge admires my purpose and believes that I have the desire and determination to act according to this purpose. But he cannot free me, for that would be injustice to my creditor. I must pay my debt or suffer. This past sin must be wiped out before I am free to start the new life. I have nothing wherewith to pay. What then? My only hope is in securing outside help. If a friend volunteers to cancel my indebtedness, the creditor is satisfied and I am safe.

Since man is unable to save himself, to whom shall he turn for help? If my indebtedness amounts to a lakh of rupees the only one who can clear me is the man who possesses a lakh.

In the preceding tract on "Sin" we showed that sin, in the aspect of the sinner's relation to the Creator, is essentially religious in its character, also that it has in it the quality of infinitude. So our Saviour must be a religious being and infinite. The only one who answers this description is God.

Let us suppose that a man walks off a roof and kills himself. The only being in this universe who can restore life to that mangled corpse is he who created that body. If a man leaps off the heights of holiness and destroys his moral nature on the rocks of sin, who can bring back spiritual life to the spiritually dead? God, the Creator, and He alone.

But God is spirit. "No man hath seen God at any time." Unless he reveal Himself we cannot know His mercy or His justice. If Mr. Gladstone existed only as spirit we would know nothing about him, but when the spirit inhabits his body Gladstone's personality is revealed to us through his words and works.

A man may reveal himself to others in signs, metaphors, figures, &c., at last he clothes his thought in a word which exactly explains his meaning: we call it *the word*. So God reveals himself through nature and conscience and great teachers; but men's spiritual eyesight has been dimmed through centuries of sin, and conscience has been seared by constant crime, so we need a fuller revelation. In great

mercy God granted this fuller revelation and sent him who is called *the Word*, because he perfectly expresses God's thought.

This Word is in our language—the language of humanity. In communicating with the savages of North America one must not use English or Hindi but their sign language—an arrow, a buffalo head, etc. So God in sending his Word employed our language—the language of flesh and blood. "For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." "For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."

The Egyptians worshipped the cat as their sacred animal, another nation worships the bull; but neither the cat nor the bull can satisfy for we are not cats nor bulls. We are *men*. Our language is humanity. So *the Word* must come in the form of human flesh, "and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father) full of grace and truth." "God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds; who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; having become by so much better than the angels, as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they."

So we see that our Saviour must be God and God manifested in human form. Thus we find that on man's side the Incarnation is a necessity. Moreover on God's side it is suitable. Since he has revealed himself in works of nature is it not suitable that the Word, the highest revelation of himself to man, should come in the form of the noblest work in creation, *man*.

Christianity is not the only religion that feels the necessity of an Incarnation. In our next tract we hope to mention several fundamental tests for differentiating the true Incarnation from the false. In this tract we have tried to show that man cannot save himself and that his Saviour must be *God-man*. "What becomes of all this dismay, confusion of spirit when we look upon the Father and know him only through the Son? Where is our dread and where our failure of heart when we behold in the form of a brother him who was the only begotten of the Father, the express image of the invisible God? Yes, the fulness of the divine Grace and Truth hath shone upon us; but it hath shone upon us in the mild aspect of a human countenance: it hath spoken to us with a human voice; it hath even wept human tears, and hath felt and suffered, if we may so speak, with a human heart. All the tenderest emotions of earth, and all the most exalted attributes of heaven, seem to have made a blessed league for our consolation."

Lord, save me from my sin, Thine is the work alone ;
 Come to this erring soul of mine, and make that power known.
 Lord, save me from myself,—This evil heart within ;
 Lord, save me from myself,—For thus I shall be saved from sin.
 It is the foes within, That make the fortress weak ;
 Myself my greatest enemy, For self-control I seek.
 Oh let Thy precious blood, the healing stream,
 Not from the doom of sin, alone, But from its power, redeem.
 I would be thine alone, I yearn to live to thee ;
 Then grant me in thy grace, dear Lord, The long'd for liberty.
—*Offord.*

When wounded sore the stricken soul
 Lies bleeding and unbound,
 One only hand, a piercèd hand,
 Can salve the wound.
 When sorrow swells the laden breast,
 And tears of anguish flow,
 One only heart, a broken heart,
 Can feel the sinner's woe.
 When penitence has wept in vain.
 Over some foul dark spot,
 One only stream, a stream of blood,
 Can wash away the blot.
 'Tis Jesus' blood that washes white,
 His hand that brings relief,
 His heart that's touch'd with all our joys,
 And feeleth for our grief.
 Lift up Thy bleeding hand, O Lord,
 Unseal that cleansing tide :
 We have no shelter from our sin
 But in Thy wounded side.—*F. C. Alexander.*
 I lay my sins on Jesus, The Spotless lamb of God ;
 He bears them all and frees us, From the accursed load.

H. Bonar.

Report from Oct 1895-1896

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DR. BROWN.

In looking back over the past year my days seem to have been ^{very} full of work but it has been of a general kind, not easy to report. I would like to report more of regular school work, & of visiting women in their homes - but I find that my strength does not increase ^{with} years which I have felt especially during the last rainy season when I was ill for some days. But God has raised me up to health again, & I feel that His goodness & mercy have followed me. ^{During} the year I have visited many homes, & have had many opportunities for quiet talks with native people who call at our Bungalow. I have done some evangelistic work with my daughter in the city, & villages - sometimes visiting native women in their homes. But I enjoy better the outside work whether at home or in a

shady place where large groups of
 Cisterners can gather around us, & we can
 breathe the fresh air, while speaking
 to them. We have lately been doing
 evangelistic work in villages near
 Kolhapur - and a few weeks ago I
 went with my daughter as far as Tadola
 where we greatly enjoyed visiting
 our missionary sisters Miss Brown, &
 Miss Sherman, who are so devotedly
 laboring for Christians, & for the
 heathen, & starting schools among
 the children. The meeting with so
 many Christians, several of whom
 have recently come out for Christ, &
 been received into the Church made
 us feel that we had come into the joy
 of harvest time. Our tour extended over
 twenty two miles. We visited five
 villages, & received very warm
 welcomes from Christians living
 in the villages of Nimel, & Madgaon.
 On this tour we addressed some large
 audiences, & with the help of a native
 Christian servant, we were able to sing

in these villages some of the simple Marathi hymns which the people enjoy, & portions of Scripture were read & explained to which they seemed to listen gladly. We felt that the villages of Maadla & Madgaon were greatly blessed in having such faithful & earnest preachers living among them. And their wives show much zeal in their work as Bible women.

I feel much interest in my daughter's Bible Class of women held every week for some months past in our house. It is encouraging to see not only the good readers, but some who cannot read enjoy this systematic study of the Bible. I feel that it is good for us all to have such seasons of prayer & Bible study together. I take a special interest in the prayer meetings held on Sabbath evenings in our drawing room, & attended by those who line ground up on our Mission premises. There seems to be in the hearts of some a longing desire for

a deeper Christian experience, for
 more love to Christ, & more desire to
 serve Him - More heart searching &
 confession of sin, & longing for the
 Holy Spirit to reign in our hearts.
 I continue to enjoy my Sunday School
 class of the older girls of our ~~watching~~
 school. They have shown much interest
 in their lessons, and I am expecting
 much good from these dear girls
 in the future.

~~Week day~~ ~~Sunday school~~
 My daughter & I continue what we
 call our weekday Sunday School work
 at the village of Basela. But there
 is no suitable place for us to meet
 the children there in the rainy season.
 Our place of meeting there has usually
 been under a large tree.

The Mang School is still kept on
 our premises, & much of the time
 on the veranda of our Bungalow.
 The woman who teaches the girls
 collects them, & seems faithful in
 her work. But the children have
 not been regular in their attendance

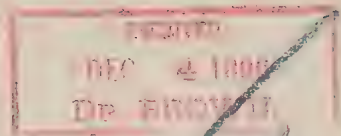
on account of illness, or early marriage
 as they have been needed in earning
 their bread at home, or in the fields.
 Some of the most bright & promising
 leave the school even before they
 have become good readers. But it
 seems best to continue the school as
 they learn to sing hymns, & repeat
 many golden texts. Attend Sunday
 School & the daily morning prayers
 in the Christian Girls School room.

Sometimes I sit early down Spring
 up & hears fruit after many days.

Eliza J. Wilder

Yolhapur Oct 8th/896.

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Ans. Geo. H. Ferris

Dear Mr. Brown:

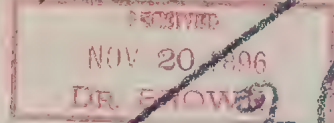
I should be very
glad if you will have a
copy of my personal re-
port - sent to Mrs C. H.
Thorp, Philadelphia.

Yours sincerely
G. H. Ferris

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Panhala, October 22, 1896



Dear Dr. Brown:

Mission Meetings, Oct 22, '96 We are all assembled on Panhala for the Annual Mission Meeting which opens tonight with a sermon by Mr. Irwin.

Bi-monthly Our Station at its last meeting in *Letters* Ratnagiri decided to send our *Bi-monthly* monthly letters to the Board on the 10th of the month instead of the 20th as heretofore - and from this time on you may expect our letters about that time of the month.

Good health We as a Station are in better health than when we last wrote you. Our four-year-old son has so far recovered after a two and a half months illness as to run about much as he used to do. Mrs. Irwin and myself are both better.

Preparation The last few weeks before leaving *ratnagiri* we spent in part in preparing to come to the meeting, and in preparing the reports for

Station and Statistical. Since coming here ten days ago, we have been working on Committee work and helping each other settle in our various places.

We realize at such times that our Mission is growing and we do seem a goodly number, though longing for more to go out where none have yet carried the Gospel message.

Famine The lack of rain all over the districts now occupied by our Mission—as well as all over India—has made famine inevitable. Other missions north of us have already taken large numbers of famine-children. A missionary north of us writes that she fears she never will get over the recollection of the cries for bread. We pray and trust that the famine may open the eyes of this blinded people. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." May this year be one full of His mighty workings in the hearts of this people.

The members of the station unite
in cordial Christian greetings.

Yours very sincerely
Annabel M. Hannum.

Kolhapur India 26 July 1897

Dear Dr. Brown:

H. H. Kannum

Your letters of 14th and 29th June are received. As you request, I have written Dr. Holmes of Albany a rather long letter, which I enclose to you. You may hand it to Mrs. Fry if you think proper, but I hope that it will be forwarded early to Dr. Holmes. By the use of Mr. Wilson's writing-machine, and my copying apparatus I tried to make an impression copy so as to avoid this indirect method of transmission, but it was a failure.

We are greatly pleased that our efforts toward the self-support of the Indian Church have met your approval. It will take time.

We thank you and Mrs. Brown for your kind remembrance of us. Mrs. Kannum joins me in kind regards to you both.

Most Sincerely Yours,

William H. Kannum.

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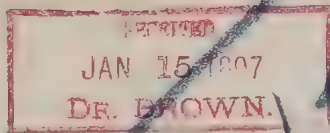
Mrs. Lecker

Dear Dr. Brown-

The past-
year has brought
much illness to our
little ones and I have
spent much of my time
caring for them.
I have undertaken
very little Mission
work. I have had
the oversight of the
three Bible women
and the Homeas Society
I have had lessons
pretty regularly with

the Bible women,
in which they have
read 125 pages of
Church History, studied
three chapters of the
Epistle to the Philippians
& committed 40 questions
in the Shorter Catechism.

M. F. Seiler.



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Kolhapur, India, Dec. 14, 1896.

Dr. A.J. Brown, M.D.,

156 Fifth Av. New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Brown,

E. M. Wilson

Engagement
Miss Green
Your letter of congratulation on the engagement of Miss Green and myself was duly received and much appreciated.

Since that time we have had word from the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission with which Miss Green is connected. They have supplied Miss Green's place by sending Miss Betteridge whom we expect will arrive in Bombay about the last of this month. The society does not care to enforce its rule requiring six months notice in this case, and says that we are at liberty to be married as soon as we like. For various reasons however we think it wise to wait a few months. We expect to be married sometime next May or the first of June.

Best be
married
next
May or June
Outfit allowance.
About the matter of additional outfit allowance: Will we be allowed to draw something for this. Of course I drew my own allowance as a single man when I came out. It is rather an important matter to us, as according to the rules of the Z B M M all of Miss Green's outfit remains with her society and she brings with her nothing but her personal belongings. In addition to this we have to refund to her society thirty pounds (£ 30). The rule is that anyone who leaves the society before completing five years of service shall refund an amount varied according to the time already served. The maximum is fifty pounds. As Miss Green has already served over three years this amount is reduced to thirty pounds. You will see therefore why we should like very much to have some additional outfit allowance.

Gratunally
Edgar M. Wilson

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DR. BROWN.

Passage

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Dear Dr. Brown-

In sending
our station letter, I would add
a line to say that. As there seems
difficulty in securing passage
from Bombay - it has seemed
best for us to engage passage
for the 1st of March.

I am truly glad for the
decision of my dear brother.
He felt serious hesitation on
the ground of not hearing
from our Board before engag-
ing passage. The doctor's
advice concerning my Sister
has made us feel the impor-
tance of not delaying the voy-
age a single month. The

urgent call asking my brother
to go home came some time
ago - but he felt that it might
be better to wait until his fur-
-lough was due.

Under the present circum-
-stances, it seems to me that
it is God's will that Robert
should be absent from India
for a time. As he has written
so fully I will not add more
now. I feel it may be best
for ~~mother~~ and me to delay
in England for some three
weeks. I am desirous to be
used in enlisting workers
9 for India. Some are anxious
to have ladies come out to take
charge of famine children who are
being gathered in. Very Sincerely,
G. E. Milder.

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DR. BROWN
C. J. Green

Wooster, Ohio. 1-4. '97.

Rev Arthur J. Brown. D. D. - Secretary,

My dear Dr. Brown:-

I write to thank you for the program &c regarding the "week of prayer." I am glad to be able to say that the churches here are united in these meetings. Yesterday services began in the M. E. Church - Dr. Scovel preached a very appropriate & powerful sermon. The church was full of the representative christian workers in Wooster. To-day services are to be held in the 1st Pres. Church. Sermon by the U. P. Minister. Besides these meetings, prayer-meetings are held in the several churches in the evenings - I spoke in the West minister Church in the morning & am to speak next Sabbath in the Wayne Pres. Church. My health is improving &

so am speaking now once each Sabbath in the various Churches. I find many of the people as yet scarcely awake to the Mission Cause. In one large Church the pastor told me his people were abundantly able to give \$4,000 & were actually only giving less than \$300. This is sad-sad indeed, while millions are perishing for the "bread of life". I am still being treated by a very good Physician in Phila. He gives me encouragement to hope we can return to India in the fall. He is feeding me on Arsenic, Strychnine and other poisons. Also obliges me to wear a large plaster half way round my body. The pain is slowly passing away. My heart yearns for the poor people in India, and I hope & pray D. V. to be able to return. According to the Manual we ought to return 4 months from to-morrow. Both Dr. Man- less & the Dr. in Phila. said I ought not to go at the earliest - before Sept. will. You kindly tell me what to do in the

matter? I do not want to stay a day longer than is necessary. and yet after the break-down I had I feel the importance of going back strong in body, as well as in spirit.

I hope you have good news from Mr. Speer. My prayers go up for him. I fear he was too much run down to enter those Miasmatic Countries. May the Great Physician restore him to health speedily. I am thankful to hear the "Waileuses" reached India safely. Not a day too soon from what we hear, as some of our number were sadly in need of proper medical treatment. I hope Dr. & Mrs. Wilson are there by this time.

I am here spending Xmas holidays with my family but expect to leave again for Pune in a couple of weeks. It has been a happy & new & new

year
season to us as a family, as we have
not all been together at xmas time
for ten years. The family all keep
well & have enjoyed what little of
winter we have had, The past few
days seem more like April than
Jan. I dare say it will cool off
again, at least - hope so, as the
cold weather braces me up. I have
felt much better & stronger since
Dec. than before. I hope the Treasury
is being filled & that the Board will
come out - free from debt - this year.
People cry "hard times"; but they have
yet to see hard times as compared with
India. Oh, the sad condition of the people
there now in these famine times! May
God open the heavens & pour down
the rain even now! I have passed
through one famine & know what "hard
times" mean as never before. But I must
stop. Mrs G. joins with me & best wishes
for a happy new year. Yours in the
Master's service. J. M. Goheen.

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Springfield, Mass., Jan. 5, 1897.

My dear Waterman:

I received from the Movement Wanless' MS. about Nov. 20th. While on the way East, I spent nearly a day in going over it quite critically. Arrived home, there was a Training Conference and a rally in Boston to be attended to, besides the VOLUNTEER. Then came the work connected with editing the text-book which we are using this term in our study classes and then another VOLUNTEER. As a result of this work, I could not get time to go over the MS. again and still more critically until about a month after I had received it. I made some criticisms of a minor sort in pencil and sent it to Brockman from whom it came back last Saturday. I quote his judgement concerning it:

"There is much of good in it, but it is so illogical, has so many repetitions and so many thoroughly bad sentences in it that I feel that we ought not to put it out without consulting Mott. If you feel that we cannot keep it so long, I believe we had better let Revell have it and attempt to reserve the right of publication to publish a pamphlet which should be a condensation of it. In its present shape, it certainly is not up to the standard of our other publications, and we can ill afford to lower the standard."

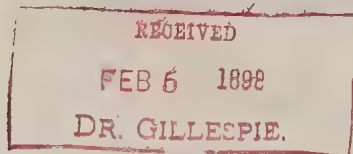
You doubtless have read it and know how true his criticism of its English is. Aside from that fault which could be remedied by careful editing, its vain repetitions smack of the heathen, and would condemn it. Then he has not made enough of a contribution to Medical Missions to lead many to regard it as better than Lowe's book or Keller's abridgment. I honestly think that we could not push his book if printed, and without pushing, little would come of it.

Further on Brockman suggests that if you think highly enough of it to do so, you might weed out some of its grave defects and have Revell publish it. We could then use it as called for, and it would serve a good purpose, though not one that would be as important as the two books named above and "Murdered Millions."

It is with the utmost regret that we have arrived at this conclusion for Wanless has put some hard work on it, and it is always painful to seem to lightly esteem a dear friend's labors. Kindly let me know what you decide to do in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

H. P. Beach.



- 1- Glad to have Dr. G. again as Secy.
 - 2- Reports for Miraj Ennairded
 - 3- Plague and quarantine -
- Mary Jany 5 1892

Rev Jno Gillespie D.D.

136 Fifth Ave.
New York

My dear Dr Gillespie

1- Our station copy of your mission ltr was received by this weeks mail. It gives us all great pleasure to have you again as the Secretary for our mission. I trust you will be spared yet many years in advocating the cause of India in the council of the Board.

I enclose the reports of our station together with the personal reports of Rev G.H. Simonson & Nelson Mr. Wankles & myself also the statistical report for Miraj station.

The progress of the plague is greatly hampering our work in the Deccan. A few days ago it broke out at Sangli. As yet there have only been four cases & the authorities there are

making a determined effort to stop the further progress of the disease but the future is uncertain. On the whole the disease is on the decrease in the district south of Poona & the villages adjacent to Miraj & Daulgi but it is again increasing in Bombay. A number of cases have been detected in the quarantine stations here & isolated & thus far we have been successful in keeping the disease ^{out of} Miraj.

The quarantine regulations continue to prevent hundreds of patients from attending the hospital & Dispensary the attendance having fallen off two thirds. But for this providential circumstance lessening the cost of the work it would not be possible to continue the hospital & Dispensary in full operation to the end of the fiscal year on account of the cut. Even with the diminished attendance it will be with the greatest difficulty that we be able to raise the balance needed on the fund.

With kindest regards to Dr Brown whom we have all learned to esteem & love through his kind & helpful letters & with our Christian love to Dr & Mrs & family I am very sincerely yours



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Kolhapur, India, Jan. 14, 1897.

E. M. Wilson

Dear Dr. Brown,

Marriage outfit.
I wrote you some time since concerning additional outfit allowance on my marriage. I mentioned at that time that we were required to refund to Miss Green's society-L 30 (thirty pounds). Since writing you I have learned that the C.M.S. in such cases pay the amount of this refund to the Z B M M.. If our Board would do the same, I would be very well satisfied to receive no further outfit allowance.

In case however the Board grants additional outfit allowance, I should like to have permission to use such part of it as I might wish in paying this debt to the Z B M M.. If the amount granted by the Board is not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) it will make very little difference whether this permission is granted or not. But if it should be more, it would be very convenient for us if we felt at liberty to apply the money directly to this debt.

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The wedding will probably occur some time next May. I have recently had the great joy of welcoming my brother and his wife to our Mission. They arrived safe and well. All our station are in their usual health.

Sincerely,

E. M. Wilson

Dear Mr. Brown.

FEB 18 1917

DR. BROWN.

I fear that I am a poor one to chronicle our station work - as during the last month I have been in Kolhapur about three days only.

Arrival We have had the joy of welcoming Rev & Mrs Hammann to our station. **Mr. & Mrs.** They are now settled in their new home and are a great addition to Hammann our station circle. Mrs Harris & Miss Patton have been busy arranging ⁱⁿ **Kolhapur** for a new school year and planning for additions to the dormitory of the Girls school. Early in Dec. Mr. Seiler joined Mr. Sedford for a tour in the district north-east of Kolhapur. At the same time I spent some days in villages where a few have recently become Christians. At Kiri, I found Musota & his wife giving clear testimony to their faith in Jesus. As it was harvest time Musota was **Village** **Christian** diligently watching his crops. One morning, failing to find him at home, we had our talk & prayer at the door of his booth in his field. Speaking of God's care of him, Musota gave the following incident - One night while I slept soundly, I heard my name called. I came out but could see nothing and the dogs were silent so I slept. Again I was awakened. This time I walked to the further end of my field & there I found an animal grazing! Thus God takes care of me! His man was a noted robber. His life is now a testimony to the power of Jesus. I am told that his neighbors now leave their fields in his charge.

At Saagar I found much poverty among our people. They are tempted from within & without. About, five Christians of Saagar met with us for prayer. As we spoke freely together, three Christians were asked to give their experience of God's ^{merc.} god. Rami said - "I being as I am (blind) God guards me all the time". Another Christian man present was asked to give his testimony and it brought

Conversion of this incident. His wife (a woman baptized at our recent [?]), as in need of a garment.
Tasgar She grieved over this & that her husband was not speaking to her as usual.
man & "For four days," said she, "it went so heavy with me. always it was so heavy. At last, I
wife answered back - not much - but a few words. He rose to beat me & I ran out of the house.
Looking back I saw he had a large stick in his hand. When I saw that I felt
I must throw myself into the well. So at once I jumped in. Down in the water, I could hear
my husband speak. He jumped in after me but could not get me out. In the water we
folded our hands to God. We said - Oh Lord - then a Hindu man came & drew us out.
The woman seemed to feel that in their home a lesson had been learned never to be
forgotten. She said to me Our neighbors say "Both have been saved from death. Nothing
can now separate them." A few hours spent in the homes of these people brings us into
much closer relation to them. Their lives have emphasized to me the petition - Lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

Learning Since this trip in our Kathapur field, I have toured with Miss Minor to Ratnagiri.
On this side the Ghats I find very many poor, hardworked people. Villages are
more difficult of access & in many of these the name of Jesus is not known.
The headman of one remote village had a copy of Luke's Gospel. It had been
sent to him from Ratnagiri and he had been reading it.
I have had much joy in this my first visit to our dear missionaries and
Christians in Ratnagiri. Their field is a hard one & they greatly need more help.
Before leaving Ratnagiri, I had the joy of participating in the welcoming of
Dr. & Mrs. Wilson to that station.

Conclusion My Mother & I continue to feel that we should take our furlough to
America this Spring I am beginning to realize how very hard it will be for us
to leave India. With kindest wishes for the "New Year" in wh. all our Station wd. join.
Yours in Jesus Service -
Grace E. Wither.

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American Presbyterian Mission in Western India

WILLIAM H. HANNUM

Kolhapur

Ratnagiri, (Bombay,) India. 18 January 1897.

W. H. Hannum

Dear Dr. Brown:

Miss Jefferson's letter of Your kind letter of 22nd ult.
the Ministry is just received. I shall pass on to Miss

Jefferson your kind commendation of our Minutes, for the copy sent you (except the Estimates) was in her handwriting. It was only by her assistance that they could be dispatched as promptly as they were.

Visit Ratnagiri I lately had a pleasant visit at Ratnagiri, in connection with the arrival of Miss Harriet

Betteridge from England to join our group of Zenana Bible and Medical Mission workers there

She was sent to take the place of Miss Green, who is soon to resign. Miss Sharp has now been at Miraj for two months as head-nurse, and has given such excellent satisfaction that Dr. Wanless has expressed a desire for her permanent transfer to Miraj. I was glad to make the acquaintance

of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson at Ratnagiri.

Mrs. Hannum not well
We are well except Mrs. Hannum, who however is able to go about somewhat. I thank you for your interest.

Yours Sincerely, William H. Hannum

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Poona,
Jan'y 22nd 1897

The Rev. B. Labaree, D.D.

New York City

FEB 1 1897

M. R. S. L. R.

My dear Dr. Labaree.

Many thanks for
your very kind letter which
my wife and I deeply appreci-
ate. Of course we felt a little
badly at first that we could
not continue to correspond
with Mr. Speer; but since
you have taken his place
we are reconciled & the change.

You have been on the
field and hence can appreciate
our problems and difficulties.

faith, though opposed by fears within and foes without. We praise God for them. But no one knows how many hours have gone in praying, rebuking, entreating and counselling them. All three are working for their support. One receives so little that I assist him slightly, but if he passes his examination in March he will be entirely independent. Will you not join us in prayer for them?

Three other Brahmins are asking for baptism also one Mahratta. The struggle is terrific. Oh, the power of Christ. If people desire to see miracles, please send them out here. What greater miracle is possible than the conversion of a Brahmin! Greater than the raising of a dead body & life. I was thinking of sending you by this

Many people at home think that when a man is baptized our work for him is nearly if not quite done. You know that he needs far more care after baptism than before. Friends pull at him. He feels the change of environment - & becomes somewhat lonely. He is shocked by some professors who are not possessors of religion. Doubts arise. He is shunned, hated, mocked at and non Christians refuse to employ him.

Since you know the situation you can sympathize with us. The Brahmins who were baptized are still in the

mail my report; but have decided to wait and include in it the month of February also.

Mr. McWilliams has doubtless shown you my letter giving our reasons for securing passage by the ~~1st~~ March. Do pray that we may be guided each step of the way. My wife joins me in kindest regards.

Yours in Christ our King

Robert P. Wilder,

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Kristiania,

Norway.

c/o Mrs. L. Olsson.

Extension Ireland.

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Rock Spring, Pa.

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Feb. 2nd 1897.

Rev Arthur J. Brown, D. D., Sec. Gen.

Secretary.

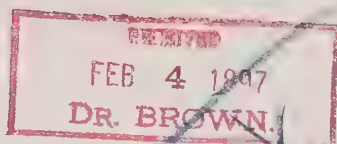
My dear Dr. Brown:-

Your letter of Jan. 28th has been received. In reply I send you the enclosed Certificate from our family physician, who has examined me & given this Certificate. I hope it will prove satisfactory. At first he thought I ought to stay longer in this country, but I told him it was urgent that I go in the Autumn, if possible.

I am back in this state again at father's and am engaged every Sabbath. Next Sabbath I am to speak at State College and the Sabbath following at Milton, Pa. I hope you will have a grand rally for Missions in Pitts^{burg} next Sabbath. I remain-

Very Cordially Yours,

J. M. Goheen.



Rock Springs
Cedar Co. Wyo

Feb 2^d 1897

This is to certify that I have
been acquainted with Rev J W
Goheen since his return from
India and professionally I
think that although he is improving
it would not be wise for him to
return at least before Autumn.

E. W. Houser M.D.



~~Resumes to start~~ mountain

Rahala S. M. C. India.

Left Feb 17 - 1897

Miss Rachel Irwin

Dear Dr. Brown:-

My first term of service in India expires the first of November, as you already know.

I wish very much to go home this fall, but I do not want to arrive in America in the middle of winter. Would there be any objection to my sailing from Bombay a month earlier, in Oct., so as to reach there in better time?

The action of the Board with regard to the traveling expenses of Miss Wilder and Arthur Sedford came in last week's mail. This makes it seem necessary for me to have my traveling expenses included in this year's appropriations or estimates.

There is now such a motion being circulated in the Mission but I fear it will not get around in time for this mail. I think everyone will vote for it. The action is quite new and contrary to our custom. I do not remember of traveling expenses to America ever having been included in our estimates - I hope however that I am not too late to have mine included.

Yours Very Sincerely
Rachel Irwin

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Feb. 19, 1897

Dear Mr. Brown -

MAR 30 1897

DR. BROWN.

I do not wish to send
off a letter to you without
a more personal word of
our work here A. S. Wilson

I have done very little as yet,
of professional work, - almost
nothing outside of the vicars
among the native Christians.
I'm not at all sorry for this as
it has given so much more
time for study. Mrs. Wilson
& I are applying ourselves
living to this, & have this study
with our unit, & I suppose
have about the usual amount
of leisure. But we are more
than ever thankful that the
Lord has permitted us to take
up his work here.

Yours very truly,
A. S. Wilson

formed than are we. as yet, it is very rare
in this district in the higher circles of food,
etc. The plague which is making such
fearful havoc in a number of places in
different places in this district among the
lower classes. As yet we have only
had 3 cases in this city. & all animals
born to. are inspected & if necessary quaran-
tined on the premises here. 2

Mrs. Wilson & I expect to go to the lake soon
after the first of March as the 1st of March.
We are fully expecting that God will give you all his
blessings & prosper his church to support his work.
Love,
Sincerely,
J. W. Wilson

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DR. BROWN

Mandala India.

Feb 22 - 1897

Arthur's return 1897

Rev. J. H. Brown, D.D.

My dear Dr. Brown,

I write in response to your letter of the 10th inst.

I have been thinking of you very much since I
 received your letter of the 10th inst. and I am
 glad to hear that you are well. I am
 very much interested in the work you are doing
 in India. I have been thinking of you very much
 since I received your letter of the 10th inst. and I am
 glad to hear that you are well. I am very much
 interested in the work you are doing in India.

Season -
 after hearing from you on the
 subject; but the Wilders (the only
 persons with whom we had our
 way clear to send him) second
 passage to India, March 1st. It seemed
 well for every reason for us to
 do the same. During this the home-
 ward bound Season passage is
 generally secured every day in
 advance - this fact added to another

the dreadful Bombay Plague - Second.
to make an early sailing almost-
necessary, I am afraid by May 1st -
the Indian & Continental quarantine
regulations will make it most
difficult for people to leave this
country.

As far as I know all of
our Mission Secretaries will appear
the time - sailing of the party will
be proper.

Had the advice of the Board
stating the financial troubles, I
received as I expect you
it would have influenced us
much as in the matter.

I sincerely hope however that
the outlook at home may be
brighter ere the time our friends
leave the country.

We regret the unfortunate turn

of affairs but trust all will be
for the good of the mission
cause. I think after seeing others
you will agree with his parents
that the time has come for
him to enter upon the home
education.

I hardly see how the party could
have secured a cheaper passage
to England.

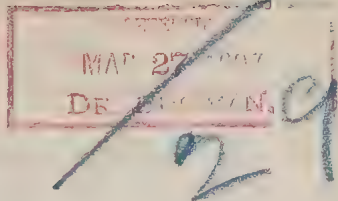
Mrs. Seimburger of the Worcester House
was written to in due time but as
yet - no word has been received.
Will you kindly see that the
necessary arrangements are made?

Yours very Truly
L. B. Seaboard

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Many thanks for your kind words of
sympathy in prospect of our parting
with our son. The breaking up & in
our sense the alienation of families is
a very real one of the great sacrifices
& problems of married life.
But in view of the allegiance to Christ &
the eternal world we are willing to
take the consequences.

A. S. J.



Expenses Rachel Drwin
to U. S.

57 W. L. Hannum

Kolhapur India

24 February 1897.

Rev'd A. J. Brown, D. D.

Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions,
New York.

Dear Dr. Brown:

Allow me to
communicate to you the following action of the
Western India Mission:

"Moved: That an amount sufficient to cover
the traveling expenses of Miss Rachel Drwin
from India to America be included in this year's
estimates, her furlough being due this fall."

The motion was declared carried on 23rd inst.

Respectfully Yours,
William L. Hannum.

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DR. BROWN.

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17 Lansdowne Ave

Toronto, Ont.

The Rev. Arthur Brown D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

March 2nd 1897

My dear Dr. Brown

John Dally

Your letter of Feb. 18th was
duly received and contents noted, and
the matters referred to are having our
prayerful attention.

Be sure we share with you the
anxiety concerning the financial
outlook, and we shall earnestly
pray that the hearts of God's people
may be opened and that the deficit
be wiped out by the 30th of April.

I shall be pleased to hear concerning
Mr. Speer, who, when I last heard of him
was sick in Persia.

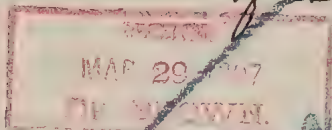
Cordially Yours

John Dally.

Bimonthly letter 59 L

Ratnagiri, Konkan, India.

March 3rd 1899



Dear Dr. Brown:-

Mrs. J. M. Brown

This bimonthly letter for the Station has been somewhat delayed waiting for some of our members to return from their tour in the southern part of our district & report. Misses Minor & Jefferson & Misses Husworth & Green were out a month with two native helpers. They visited about sixty villages, large & small in the region near the foot of the mountains toward Rajapur & Phonda Chit. They proceeded along one of the government roads & returned the same way, by bullock carriage stopping in native resthouses. In every village they found some people who had fled from Bombay on account of the plague, most of whom seemed to be hardened against the Gospel. In ^{many} places they found, however, some who seemed thirsting for the water of life & who joyfully accepted it when brought. They will themselves tell later about

a few very interesting cases. They were sometimes opposed but never maltreated except at Rajapur & then apparently through a misunderstanding of an action of one of the helpers. They are out on tour again, after a weeks stay in Patnagiri making preparation, in the northern part of our district. They expect to stay out this time two or three weeks. They go in the direction of Sanga-meshwar & Chiplun by bullock carriage as before & the same party minus one of the helpers who stays behind to assist Mr. Erwin in the Station.

~~Legal~~ We enjoy having Dr & Mrs Wilson with
~~Mr.~~ us in our bungalow who are now
~~Wilson~~ busily engaged in studying Marathi. It is necessary for us to be with them to help them along, but when they go to Panchada for the hot season, we shall stay & perhaps go on a tour to the South. I have given up the other bungalow & live thus together in the Mission House to save rent, which was impossible before when the Hannum family

3 was here. Mr Irwin has been taking
 charge of the Church here & all the
 services, going daily into the bazaar
 to preach & visiting surrounding villages
 once or twice a week. He has a class
 of very promising high school boys in
 the Church Friday mornings who seem
 quite receptive. Dr Wilson & I
 have medical cases frequently at the
 bungalow & I have had cases also in
 the Zenanas. I have thought best,
 4 with those who are wealthy & have
 serious or difficult cases requiring
 repeated attendance, to charge some
 medical fee & have done so in one
 case, which was very difficult & need-
 ed my constant attendance for five
 consecutive hours & the assistance of
 the Civil Surgeon whom I had to call
 in. I charged Rs 10, but on account
 of a division in the family for
 calling in a Missionary & their not
 assisting to pay the bills of the
 Physician & Nurse, both were reduced,
 the Doctor's by two thirds & mine by

5 a half. The usual forms of work in the Station are still carried on. The Church here seems to be more & more disposed to undertake its responsibilities & has recently resolved to buy its own cemetery.

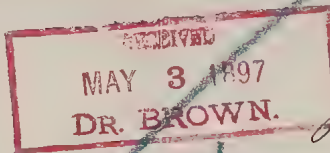
6 (We have now famine & plague around us. There is scarcity & high prices almost everywhere. The plague seems still to be increasing & several cases have been recently reported as having died in Patnagiri Town, & about two hundred in this District. It is rather dangerous & difficult to travel by boat nowadays because of the great number of refugees from Bombay.) Balavantrao our helper at Vengurla is doing faithful work & has some promising enquirers, so he writes. There are also cases of death by plague there, as in all the ports along this coast. We may find it impossible to go on tour to Vengurla & vicinity for lack of itinerating appropriations, but if we can, we will,

& then the district ⁽⁵⁾ will have been fairly well covered this season.

Our staying in the hot season will also allow us to keep up the work without interruption.

We hope that you will remember us & our work in prayer, especially in view of the prevalence of plague & famine about us.

Yours in the Master's work
Helen G. M. Irwin.



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Kolhapur, S.M.C. India
March 12, 1897Rev. Dr. J. Brown D.D. Sec. &
My Dear Dr. Brown:-

S. H. Seiler

We have received your

1 Letter of Feb 2. I heartily concur in the action of the Board taken Feb. 1. re proceeding slowly about opening a new station at Ichampur, and Apr. 6. 1896 re allowance of \$200 for Mijsanurp outfit. I see no urgency in the question of occupying Ichampur, as we have Kovic for a center of operations in the Parbhola field.

2 With my advocacy of Economy wherever practicable in the field, I wonder that it did not occur to me to propose that the outfit allowance should be reduced. I have special demands on me here in these hard times, and am only ^{time} waiting for the day when I can refund to the Board the cost of bringing my piano out here. I will try to send about \$10 April 1.

Yours Truly

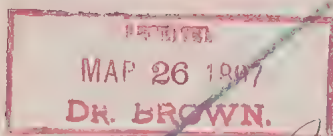
J. H. Seiler

3 I.E. Last evening we heard tin. at Achal Karanji, 17 miles only from here. There had been 25 Scats from (Haree) recently. The Chief there for some reason had not reported it, and there is considerable excitement here.

Received Mar. 25, '97

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J. M. Goheen



Rock Spring, Pa.

March, 23rd 1897.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D.

Secretary,

My dear Dr. Brown:-

Our plan now is to return to Katha-
pur early in Sept. taking with
us our youngest child Frances,
leaving our four boys in this
country.

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. Goheen, Mrs. Goheen
and one child.

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Travel

Death little Mary

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M. H. Harman

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DR. BROWN.

Bolhapur India

24 March 1897

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Dear Dr. Brown:

Again we have sad news to write. Our little daughter, Mary Annabel, aged three years and ten months, was taken from us yesterday. Last Friday we went to Panhala. She had been ailing a few days. On Sunday an increasing hoarseness was noticeable. On Monday morning good Dr. Sinclair, who has charge of the large State Hospital here, came to Panhala on another errand. I at once brought him, and as he has been doing ^{for our missionaries} for many years, he gave the most faithful attention to our little sufferer. He called on her five times on Monday and three times on Tuesday (yesterday). The case soon proved to be a dangerous

one of diphtheria. At five minutes past two yesterday she ceased to breathe. She struggled much, but the last two hours were peaceful. Her last intelligent utterance was to me "Prārthanā karā" (Make a prayer!) We brought the body to the cemetery this morning, Mr. Tedford kindly conducting a brief service, as well as making various arrangements for us. The State medical authorities fumigated our clothing etc. Many kind notes of sympathy have been received from the missionaries and from the English friends here.

Pray for us, please, that we may have strength to bear the blow. Little John Seiler and Phoebe Ferris are ill too, but we hope it may not turn out to be diphtheria. We are to rejoin our little Robert at Panhala tomorrow morning.

Yours in Christ,
William H. Cannon

Miss Sherman
Kodoli, India.

March 27th. 1897.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown,

New York.

My Dear Dr. Brown,

Your letter of October 30th is at hand. Your words of encouragement were very helpful to us both. Since writing to you we have looked out from this shelter upon famine & plague all around us & feel like praising God that it is well with us. Indeed, our residence in Kodoli, which was looked upon as a somewhat doubtful experiment by many at the beginning, has proven to be a decided success. We have been kept entirely well when there has been serious illness all about us & the work here has certainly had God's blessing.

Although the famine has
 not yet been serious in our
 district, yet grain has been
 so dear that our children
 have found it exceedingly hard
 to feed their families. The
building of the girls' dormitory
 has furnished regular work
 to some fifteen of our men for
 the past month & will continue
 to do so for a little time to
 come. Those who have not been
 able to go there have had to
 be employed here. We have
 spent several dollars in having
 the excises cut down on a
 strip of land formerly given
 up to that prickly product.
 Our policy so far is ^{to} give
 outright to no one, but to furnish
some kind of work for those

who are most needy. One member of our church, a young woman of sixteen or seventeen, was reduced to her last garment (a dress made of "8 yds. of ^{cotton} cloth in a straight piece & draped around the body & over the head) & this last garment was reduced almost to rags. She earned three weeks for Miss Brown at 4 cts. per day & made three trips to carry messages to Panhalal, making a total of 54 miles; to earn the money (about one dollar) for a new "lugadi."

Many people have gone from here to the Gov. relief works in different places. Some of these have been the parents of school children & this has reduced our schools to about

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one half their ordinary size.
Yet I am pleased to notice
that those of my girls who
are still in town are more
regular in attendance than
ever before.

~~Self support~~
There has been a bad time
for any rapid strides in
the line of self support; but
I, having been elected church
treasurer, have been trying
to get each family to pledge
some regular monthly payment
on the pastor's salary. One
man, when asked, said, "Oh
yes, I will give one rupee
a year instead of 12 annas
as you ask. I know that is
the right thing to do for when
I do not drop anything into
the bag on Sunday, I do not
feel right all week." Most of
the members have seemed

willing to give.

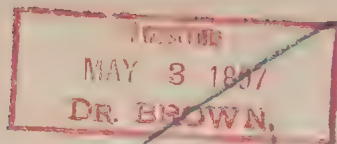
~~Baptism~~ We have had no additions to the church since Christmas. Two men have asked for baptism; but it seemed best to put them off as their wives did not seem ready. We have been earnestly praying for another man who asked for baptism over 7 years ago & has been waiting all these years for his wife to show her readiness. Her neighbors say that both he & she have given up all Hindoo practices such as idol worship, keeping festivals &c. but the wife seems to find the step of baptism more than she can muster courage for. Their one unmarried girl is in my school & is a very nice girl indeed.

" You will doubtless hear
by this mail of the sad death
of little Mary H. annum of
diphtheria. It was a sudden
blow to us all as she was
ill only four or five days.
Phoebe Ferrie was ill with
symptoms of the same disease
but it proved not to be diphtheria
& our bread-man this morning
brings word that she is
better. We are both quite well
& expect to go to Panhala soon.
The Board's decision to pay the
thirty pounds on account of
Miss Green gratified us all.
We believe she will be a very
valuable acquisition to our
mission.

Miss Brown

kinds regards. Yours Sincerely,
J. H. Sherman.
Address
x Kolhapur,
India.

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REPORT of WORK in POONA

by
Robert P. Wilder

From July 1895 to March 1897.

1. The Field.

The Poona district has a population of 1,067,800. Out of 1,191 towns and villages, 1,169 have no resident Christian, and very rarely are these visited by the messenger of the Gospel. Four-fifths of the population of this district is in villages. From these villages young Brahmins come into Poona city for study and the time to evangelize them is before they disappear again into the district, even as the time of attack on an enemy's forces is when they are moving through the narrow mountain pass rather than when they are scattered over the broad plains. In Poona students assemble in great numbers and from Poona they pass out to wield a mighty influence over the ignorant masses of whom only one in twenty can read and write. Is there any other land where students exert a greater influence over its ^{uneducated} inhabitants than in India? And is there any part of India where the student class is more powerful than in Western India? Elsewhere they lead intellectually and politically. Here they lead socially and religiously as well as intellectually and politically, since a very large majority are Brahmins. In Poona district the Brahmins outnumber the Mohammedans. Though Poona has a population of only 160,000 yet it is the centre of orthodox Brahminism in Western India as Bombay is the commercial centre. The Poona Brahmin is a synonym for bigotry and the influence of his conservatism is felt all over Bombay Presidency. All who are interested in

the 1169 towns & villages above referred to and the larger number who are interested in the evangelisation of Western India must regard Poona as the enemy's citadel.

II The Work Begun.

In 1895 the Missionary Conference, whose members are missionaries connected with Protestant Evangelical Societies, felt the need for work among the students of Poona and invited Mr. Moorhead and myself to enter upon a six weeks campaign. At this time no member of the Conference was giving his exclusive attention to this work. Once the Free Church of Scotland missionaries tried to reach this class through education, but their High School was abandoned many years ago.

1. Meetings for Christians. In July 1895 we commenced our work in Poona with a series of meetings for Indian Christians. The subjects of our addresses were "Assurance of Salvation", "The Word of God", "Prevailing Prayer", "The Prayer Life of Christ" and "Holiness." as a result forty-four Indian Christians covenanted to give an hour daily to private prayer and Bible Study. Many were helped by these meetings. One native Christian said to me with tears that he longed for the Baptism of the Spirit. Many were hungry and thirsty. Some have been satisfied. To conserve this work we prepared a Prayer Cycle which was translated into Marathi. This has gone into many homes and has given definiteness to prayer and has reminded many to be faithful in keeping their Morning Watch.
2. Meetings for Non Christians. The day after our last meeting

for Christians was held we began work among Brahmin Students. Five consecutive nights we addressed large audiences in a native theatre which is situated in the heart of the city. Mr. Moorhead, the Rev. S. V. Karmarkar and I were the Speakers. Our Subjects were "Sin", "Vedantism and Christianity", "The Reasonableness of the Atonement", "God" and "Religious Work in America" a good choir helped us with stirring Gospel hymns. Mr. Karmarkar's first address aroused bitter opposition. The next evening the highest gallery of the theatre was locked, police men walked through the lower gallery to keep order and two mounted British policemen guarded the street. "According to Vedantism the cat is god and the rat is god," said the speaker. "When the cat eats the rat, god eats god." These words infuriated the Brahmins. We question the wisdom of such attacks. We prefer to preach the Gospel and let the audience institute comparisons. This incident will show what inflammable material we have to deal with. When Mr. K. spoke upon the Atonement the audience was quiet and seemed deeply impressed. With the above mentioned night excepted we had each night an audience of about five hundred. The majority were students, but some were clerks in government offices and teachers in schools. These meetings abounded advertised us. Men began to seek us out for personal interviews. Some said "We solemnly declare that we are willing to be legally, morally and conscientiously bound to turn proselytes provided you convince us by arguments." I give only a few of the twenty-seven questions which they asked me & answer. Their leader was a Ferguson [Hindu] College Student.

1) Should we believe or think?

- 2) Are we & he material or spiritual?
- 3) Can we not be moral without God?
- 4) What are the relations of Ethics Theology and Metaphysics?
God. 1) How are we to think about Him, by Revelation or Logic. If by Logic, inductive or deductive?
 2) Is there any necessary creator? Is He personal?
 3) Does He exact from us obedience & gratitude & other such human requirements?
 4) Should there be any divine government, can we be sure that it is conducted through such human institutions as justice and mercy - amounting to human perfection only? If we can, is not the divine government only a medium through which we are governed by our own laws? Is the medium so indispensable and important?
 5) Do you advocate general God or Christian God? If the latter what of others?
 6) Can more undeniable opposing truths than one be possible? Yet there are so many such.
 7) Is perfect justice consistent with mercy?
- Man. 1) Is he a free moral agent?
 2) Is human free will compatible with divine omnipotence?
 3) Did God make man or man make God?"

3. The Student Hall. at the last meeting in the Theatre we distributed cards having our names and address, and we invited inquirers to visit us. The hall which we hired was well situated. It is near the Dulei Bagh Temple and the Native Library. On the opening day twenty called to see us. The next day we began a Bible class with the Gospel of John as a text book. Twenty-three

were present. The following day forty came. The atonement was the subject and I spoke especially upon "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." The next night sixty were present. One of the questions was "If Christ be the only Saviour why is God partial in not seeing that all have a knowledge of Christ?" So began the class which was continued until we left Poona and is still carried on by my successor. At first we tried to sell copies of the New Testament, but only a few were bought. Then we began to lend. Only a few of these have been returned to us, but we trust that they are doing good somewhere. We did not like to give away the Scriptures because more men wanted copies than we could well supply - probably a thousand Bibles would not have sufficed - and we feel that a free gift is not appreciated so much as one paid for. Most of the students are very poor and their guardians could not be expected to give them money to buy Christian Scriptures. Our plan was to give a copy of the New Testament to any student who came for a fortnight without a single absence and we gave the whole Bible to any who came regularly for three weeks. This meant eighteen attendances, since we had no class on Monday. There were a hundred and eight names upon our roll of men who completed. More Bibles were won than Testaments, since each one wanted the whole Bible. To those who had won Bibles we offered the "Oxford Helps" as prizes for regular attendance. The last few months we have kept no roll and have offered no prizes, yet there has been a good attendance - an older set of men than came at first. Some are clerks in offices, others are teachers or government pensioners.

When we find an exceptionally earnest inquirer we make an exception in his case and give him a copy of the Ward.

III Days of Prayer.

The work began in prayer, but it was felt desirable to have a day set apart for unitedly waiting on God. Since the Poona Missionary Conference has had several such Days of Prayer it may be well to describe one of them. The first of the series was held seventeen days after our arrival in Poona, i.e. on Aug. 10th. There were three public Sessions as follows: 7:30 & 9 a.m. 11:30 & 3 p.m. [with half an hour's intermission for luncheon during which we read selections from the "Spirit Filled Life"] and 6 & 8:30 p.m. The last session was longer than we planned but we could not stop it because the interest was so great. There were six leaders. Each began his period with a short Bible Reading and the rest of the time was given to prayer. Most of the requests were handed in writing. This enabled each leader to omit unwise requests & to group the petitions. The last hour of the day was given to praise and testimony. One Christian worker said that this had been the happiest day of his life and many testified to blessing received. On subsequent Days of Prayer requests were sent in from other parts of India for it was seen that God was with us at these times of waiting upon Him.

On the September Day of Prayer one praised for definite blessing received upon Aug. 10th. Another said "Prayer was requested for three inquirers in Bombay - one has since confessed Christ. Another has given much cause for praise." Another, "Prayer was offered on Aug. 10 that a missionary outstation not far from Poona

among the native agents there may be the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace' praise has been offered for answer to this prayer." Prayer had been asked on the first Day of Prayer that three Christians might be filled with the Spirit and ~~in~~ the September gathering praise was given for the answer.

Only eternity can tell all the results following these Days of Prayer and all that they meant for us missionaries and for the other workers in Poona. They were held under the auspices of the Missionary Conference and we feel thankful for the hearty way in which the members of the Conference favored the plan and cooperated with Mr. Moorhead and myself in our arranging for these days. The Student work and other lines of work in Poona are deeply indebted to these Days of Waiting on God. At the close of one of these days we had a Gospel meeting in the Students Hall and five ~~Hebrews~~ ^{Hebrews} came & ask for prayer amid the jeers and threats of their fellow Students. One of these has since been baptized. The greatest hope of India's speedy evangelization lies in the fact that Christian workers are giving more time than formerly to prayer and Bible Study. Waiting on God means renewing (changing) our strength, receiving His power in the place of our weakness. It means a life on wings, a race without weariness, a heart free from worry and a service in the power of the Spirit. One who has served Christ ^{in India} nearly a score of years wrote me "I did give thanks publicly on the Day of Prayer. --- It was not with me like the books say. I was like Hagar in the desert crying with thirst and the Lord opened my eyes to see the Fountain close by, praise be to Him!"

IV Personal Interviews.

It would require a volume to hold these. Shall I begin with a Mohammedan Munshi who came several times to see me? He said "I agree with you on all points but two, viz The Divinity of Christ and His sacrifice for man's sin. I cannot consider the death of Jesus as a sacrifice. He was accused, found guilty and condemned to die. You can only say He was innocent & unjustly put to death; but His innocence is no proof that He died for man's sins. Many a person has been put to death unjustly, John the Baptist for instance, but his death cannot be regarded as a sacrifice. The Jewish sacrifices cannot be said to be types of Christ's sacrifice of Himself. In the case of Jesus there was no altar, no priest, no worshipper, hence there is no resemblance between type and the antitype, as He is called by the Christians. God is averse to all sacrifice. 'Sacrifice and offering,' says David, 'Thou didst not desire; burnt offering & sin offering hast Thou not required.' If the God of Love as you called Him yesterday requires a human sacrifice what difference will there be between Him and Moloch?" He quoted from the Old Testament to show the unity of God, and his familiarity with Scripture is surprising.

Soon after we began our work one said "We are like Nicodemus who came by night. We too are a people." He had been to every one of our meetings. Another asked me privately why Baptism is necessary and requested me not to mention this conversation to any one. Before others he opposes us by asking trying questions. He like many leads a double life.

A student of the Poona Native Institution attacked me one day

with seventeen questions. I give a few & indicate the line of thought.

1. "Why and in what particulars is Christianity superior to other religions in the world; especially in what respects does it differ from Hinduism, and which of the two is better and why?"
2. Is God partial?
3. Is God merciful even to sinners or does He punish them for their sins and then love them?
4. Why was He [Christ] not known by all?
5. In what way is He to deal with non-Christians?
6. If the history of Christ was foretold & also known by the Jews, why should they deny Him as their God?
7. What was the state of sinners before Christ's incarnation?"

Two who are near the Kingdom asked me one day "Is it right to be baptized if thereby we disobey parents & make our wives widows for life? The next day one of them said with a sigh: "There is nothing in common between Hinduism and Christianity . . . If a man goes to hell will he remain there forever? Is Hinduism absolutely false?"

Another confessed his faith in Christ and asked if he could not obey Christ in every respect except Baptism. "If I am baptized it will bring me and others very much trouble. Can I not be baptized in my heart? His sad face is still before me. For months I have tried to find him but the only answer I get is that he has gone to his village. Probably his people will not let him return to Poona lest he come out for Christ."

My library was of great service in this personal work. I often loaned out books inquirers "The man Christ Jesus" by Mr. Spear, "Many Infallible Proofs" by Dr. Pearson, "Jesus of Nazareth," "Machay of

Uganda", "Keith's Prophecy", "How did Christianity Originate", and Philipians, Job, Acts of the "Cambridge Bible" were hounded.

V. Opposition

- 1 Discussions. Soon after our work began older Brahmins came to our meetings & loosen our hold upon the students. After I had spoken upon John 3:16-36 a Brahmin said to the students "God so loved the world that He sent His boy to die for the world 4000 years after the world had been created after thousands had died!" Then a Mohammedan began to oppose us: "Supposing John the Baptist said 'He that is of the earth is earthly, and of the earth he speaketh. He that cometh from heaven is above all'; that is no reason for our saying so." Then a Hindu said: "Are not we all from heaven?"
- 2 Removals. Students who were manifesting special interest in Christianity began to disappear. With some it was a temporary, with others a permanent eclipse. One fine fellow wrote "Yesterday when I left our Bible class I went home. I was a little late. My guardian knew that I attended your class. He was exceedingly angry with me. and now he is not going to allow me to attend that class. Now, I think, it is not proper on my part to go against the will of my guardian --- I shall tell you one day, of course privately, the reason of all this --- My parents live at my native village at a distance of nearly forty miles from this place --- I shall be your life long friend." We met a few times and then he disappeared. As this young life gave promise of budding & blossoming into Christianity the cruel frost of opposition hit it. I have not seen him for fifteen months.

3. a Map.

But the cloud of opposition did not burst until the first baptism occurred. Mr. Bhide's relatives tried to dissuade him. One offered him a good position over an estate. Another, who is Inspector of Schools, promised him a teachership if he should remain a Brahmin. And his mother pleaded with him to give up the mad idea of becoming a Christian. But he was baptized. Two days after, he asked me to let him give his testimony in the Students Hall. I was impressed by his earnestness as he told the Brahmins of his purpose to follow Christ even if they threatened to kill him. He was ridiculed, abused, kicked and one went to the length of spitting in his face.

The next night the storm burst in greater fury. During the singing of our opening hymn one cried out in honour of the god Gmpati. A large crowd gathered outside and tore up the Bibles of our Students as they left the Hall. On reaching the street I remarked to the assemblage that there was a larger number outside than inside and asked why they had gathered. One replied "We are advising students to keep away from your rooms. It is our duty to do so." "From the beginning have we not said that none need come to us if unwilling to do so?" "Yes," was the reply. Then one man pushed another into me and something was thrown towards me which passed before my face. Then I addressed the mob in Marathi. "You are doing nothing new. For 1800 years Christians have been persecuted. We rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake. Our Master said 'Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' If you purpose to persecute us, do so. We are willing." The crowd was silent while I

spoke and one said "We have nothing against you". I stood among them a little ^{while} and then we left for our carriage. again they broke out against us. One cried "Break the targa" (carriage) another struck the carriage with a stone.

4 Stoning. The next day about fifty were present. after Mr. Moorhead's address a Mohammedan asked me if it were true that a Brahmin had been baptized. On my assenting he shook hands with me, saying "I am glad!" The Brahmins present did not relish his remark. No love is wasted between the Hindus and the Mohammedans. The bitter feeling has increased since the Mohammedan riots. This Mohammedan rejoiced that there is one Brahmin less! If the English were to leave India no doubt the Hindus and Mohammedans would fly at each others throats. In the meanwhile we found ourselves locked in and the crowd were throwing in stones through the open windows. about twenty students were locked in with us. We closed the shutters and went to the third story to pray. One said "Will your God drive away the mob?" "Yes, if He thinks best: but if He wants us to suffer we are willing." A student climbed upon a table, crept through a trap door into the attic, felt his way in the dark to another trap door in the hope that he could pass through it into his own room. But this door was closed. There was no way of escape. After we had prayed the door to the Hall was opened. probably our coachman had managed to do it. We asked the Hindu students if they would go down into the street with us. They refused, saying that they feared the mob, and they besought me to bring the police to their help. So Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Moores and I started upon the novel

expedition of hiring policemen & rescue Hindu students from their own fellow students! as we drove off a shower of stones followed us and I was struck. It was difficult to find a policeman. When we returned to the Hall the crowd had disappeared. Hereafter the meetings were held earlier because the members of the class feared to return home after dark. In our men & prayer men kept on coming, but some were frightened away and others were forcibly kept away. However about thirty came each evening.

5. Turned out. The greatest blow was the action of the owner of our Hall in turning us out. His hostility was no doubt increased when he knew that the one who was baptized is a relative of his! All were so joined by one until this baptism took place. I have been told that this is the first Sarna Brahmin baptized in eighteen years. Hence the opposition. My last address in this Hall was upon the Four Classes at the Cross. The Jews who crucified Christ, Pilate the coward, the soldiers who were indifferent and the faithful disciples. Seldom has an audience given closer attention. It was hard to leave this room which was the scene of much deep work done by the Spirit. The two little rooms in the third story were also precious. Here we did personal work with timid seekers who could not be overheard, and here we prayed for and with inquirers. The heart struggles, the disappointments, the encouragement, even the stoning surrounded the place & us.

VI The New Hall

1. Description. This is situated near the old Hall. It is better adapted for our work, more central, with healthier surroundings, next door to the Native Library; and it is owned by a European firm.

which does not turn us out because of baptisms, even though the manager has been told that the building will be burnt down unless we leave. The large room will seat over a hundred and if the standing room is added we can accommodate a hundred and-fifty. Adjoining the larger room are two smaller ones for inquirers. Missionaries of the Church of Scotland, Free Church of Scotland and the Church Missionary Society loaned us an organ, chairs and benches. The Church of Scotland ladies adorned the walls with scripture texts and Miss Bernard let us have Long's "Diana or Christ" which has been of great help to us. The hearty cooperation of all these missionaries as also those of the American Methodist Church & the Poona and Indian Village Mission cheered us greatly. The ladies helped in the singing and the men in speaking. Several native Christians have also helped us.

Oct. 1st, 1895 the New Hall was opened. First we had a prayer meeting for Christians. Every family invited was represented even though many had to come long distances. Possibly you wish to know how we conducted the public meeting which followed. After an opening prayer the Wesleyan Chaplain read Lu. 2:8-20. Then the choir sang "Who came down from heaven above? Jesus Christ - our Saviour." After this a C. M. S. Missionary spoke upon "The Miracles of Christ." Another hymn was sung and then an Australian Missionary - Director of the Poona & Indian Village Mission presented "The Crucifixion." We sang "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His Cause." Then a Christian doctor, a member of the Methodist Church, gave a stirring address upon the "Resurrection of Christ."

Then we sang "The whole world was lost in the darkness of Sin. The light of the world is Jesus" after this hymn Mr. Shide, the recently baptized Brahmin, gave his testimony. I followed with a short address upon "The Teachings of Christ". We closed by singing "God Calling yet." The words of all these hymns and other hymns were printed and the students could follow us as we sang. Some joined in the choruses. About a hundred and fifty were present. On leaving the room we had trouble with the crowds in the street. They seemed bent upon troubling Mr. Shide, but a mounted policeman dispersed them. As we drove along a Brahmin lad, who had often come to see us, ran up to us and slipped two oranges into my hand. This act meant more than words. It showed sympathy for us and a drawing towards Him whom we serve. Five months later he was baptized.]

2 Subjects. [The regular Bible class has been upon the Gospels of John & Luke and a part of the acts of the Apostles. We have tried to present simply & continuously the life of Jesus. Nothing interests men more. Occasionally we have had the Brahmin students read the verses & their fellow students before we explained the passage. We have heard in Calcutta & elsewhere great men address students upon "Methods of Religious Inquiry" & similar subjects, but we are convinced that a straightforward exposition of the Scriptures makes a deeper & more lasting effect. Nevermore, the Woman at the Well, the Prodigal Son, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection of these men. We have presented the same story two or three evenings & the interest of the audience has not flagged. It is a mistake to think

that these men need profound philosophical addresses. They need the word of God spoken not with persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that their faith may not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.]

Occasionally we had special meetings when special subjects were presented. But in these also the sinner's need of the Saviour was presented. Such special services in our Hall and in the Theatre brought us new men and quickened the interest of the regular converts. Sometimes speakers from out of Poona or Poona missionaries addressed these meetings. Sometimes we ourselves. They were always carefully advertised and many prayers were enlisted for them. And they were always successful in numbers and in the attention given by the audience. Lately the Bible class has been held on only four evenings of the week because personal interviews and work for Christians has taken so much of our time.

3. Prayer A weekly prayer meeting was held at our house & prayer for this work among Students, Missionaries and others were invited to attend. On each Day of Prayer an hour was given & prayer especially for this Student Campaign. Each evening before going to the city a few of us waited on God for power. And often before the Sunday meeting a half hour was given & a prayer meeting in the Student Hall. The sustained interest and attention for a year and a-half can only be explained by the volume of prayer in America, England and India. We never tried to attract men by speaking upon secular themes. We had no reading room, no social meetings, no intellectual classes. Some might say that

they came to improve their English. But in a neighboring city where religious addresses are given in English they seldom have fine persons in the audience. On a few occasions we have had addresses in Marathi, e.g. when Punhita Rarnabai, Mr. Pilah & my sister have spoken, and the attendance did not fall off. Prayer alone can account for our good audiences which have kept up in spite of attacks by the press and the people, in spite of stones & boycotts and a serious attempt to burn down our building. One night two men stood at the entrance of our Hall and forcibly kept back the students from entering. We prayed. A few nights later the leader of the boycott told me that after obstructing ^{our work} he dreamed. Jesus seemed to stand before him and he was so moved by the sight that he has been urging men to enter our Hall, & told me that the students whom he had asked to come would corroborate his statement. I asked why he had boycotted us. He replied that he was paid to do it. After this incident occurred he came to our Hall a few times but never again troubled us.

The Kesari, a leading Marathi paper, edited by the Hon. D. G. Pilah, L.L.B. has warned parents to keep their sons away from our Hall. It said "The love of these missionaries is more dangerous than the sword of the Mohammedans". Yet in answer to prayer they kept coming. Older Brahmins did their best to avert them in public discussions. One can understand better after these debates the words "And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which feigned themselves to be righteous, that they might take hold of his speech." An Arya preacher who has given Bombay missionaries trouble came to Poona and tried to destroy our work. First he argued: Your Bible

says, 'They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them.' Will you drink poison?' In answer to prayer God gave us love & patience which did more to charm him than any cleverness in discussion. The audience seemed to feel that we really wished for their eternal welfare and not for merely a temporary triumph in debate. The Arya preacher never troubled us again with a discussion. But his next move was to start rival preaching right in front of our Hall. Some were drawn away from us, but others came. One said "When I pass the Student Hall I feel irresistably drawn into it. It is almost impossible to keep away." Then our Arya friend made a new move. He entered our Hall and shouted twice "Let all who are Hinders leave this place". all but six fled, but the next night we had a good audience. Prayer upset every device of our adversaries.

4. More Opposition. Falsehoods were started. One was that the missionary receives a large sum of money for every baptism from his Society at home. Again, our students were told that when a man is baptized he must eat meat. This seems terrible to vegetarians. To disabuse their minds I invited them to witness the baptism of a Parsee in the C. M. S. Church. Twenty young Brahmins & high caste Hindus accepted my invitation. One asked the meaning of the round thing which looked like a witness box. I replied "it is a pulpit." They seemed much impressed on learning that only pure water is used in Baptism, for it had been stated that we mix blood with baptismal water! After the service a report was spread that this Parsee had been baptized before in

Bombay and that he went through the form again just for the sake of these Parva students!! Their own people are full of deceit and they easily believe stories about the duplicity of missionaries!

Others have too much faith in us. One day a Brahmin Student, B. invited me to his home & cast the devil out of his brother. I went there twice and preached Christ. The sick lad sat & lay right and any moment I thought he might go off into a fit. This afflicted boy, the bigoted Brahmin father, the proud ^{brother} (who refused to enter our Hall) the relatives (who claim to be Reformers), my friend, the dark room, the smells, the passers by gazing at me through the doors & windows, and the noisy children shall not soon be forgotten. B. came very frequently to our meetings and now he is dead. Did he look to Christ ere he passed away? Shall I meet him in the mansions above?

But the favorite method of opposition was through discussions. We did not permit these after the Bible Class lest the impressions made by God's Word should be dissipated. But at other times we welcomed them. School boys, Students, teachers, Government pensioners and clerks have tried to overthrow us. The last public discussion was held in our Hall before a good audience with a Brahmin who is about sixty years old. For two nights we faced each other. There was an excellent spirit manifested and he thanked me publicly for my fairness. Though I asked him to continue the discussion he declined. In discussing Hinduism most of our discussions centred on Krishna. In discussing the Bible upon the freedom of the will, the atonement, the Resurrection of Christ and Sin. Some attached the God of the Old Testament.

Notwithstanding the opposition we had many friends.

One day the post brought me the following "We are going to have a ~~meeting~~ Religious Society in connection with our College [Verguson, the Hindu college] We should very much like to have the help and co-operation of learned men who have given much thought to any form of religion, if they should be pleased to assist us. If you are in favour of this our attempt, I should like to see you, &c."

VII. Our Trials.

These do not consist so much in the climate, separation from friends, persecution; but in seeing men step up to the line without crossing it. One who we think was nearly ready for baptism has been kept away from Poona for more than a year. Seven others of whom we had great hopes we have not seen for months.

In Sep. 1895 a Brahmin student said to Mr. Moorhead "Last night I was so happy that it was difficult to sleep. I have brought my best friend. Tell him what you told me yesterday read to him just the verses which you read to me." The friend was surprised at V's earnestness and said "V. says 'believe, believe', but I do not know how to." V. found so much in Christ & attract him that he wants his friend to share his joy. Here are Philip and Nathanael once again! V. and his friend brought another. These three not only came to our meetings but also down home for evening prayers. They seemed to be fully convinced but the one obstacle was fear for future support. They begged us to support them for the few weeks intervening before their matriculation examination. "If we are baptized our parents will withhold their support from us and we shall be unable to pay our examination fees or to support ourselves. all these years of study

will be lost. You promise us no support." I replied "Christ promised nothing so we cannot; but as long as we have anything we shall share it with you, since you will be our brothers when you are Christians. What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, & lose his own soul?" Week after week we told them that if they trusted God for the salvation of their souls, they should trust Him for their education also. But they shrank from making the sacrifice which they regarded as ruining their prospects for life. The words in Matt. 19:21-22 "but when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful, have a new meaning to me now. Two passed the matriculation examination but V. failed. Soon the two were busy with their studies in the Hindu college. Occasionally they come to our meetings. Occasionally one has been moved mightily by the appeals - moved even to tears; but the old love is lost. The cares of college life have choked the word and they bring no fruit to perfection. V. has however been very regular in attending our Bible class, but he was accompanied by one or two students from the College of Science who watched him and opposed us. He seemed to be under their power. Soon V's heart began to harden. Christ was no longer the Saviour, but only a Saviour. He maintained that Krishna also is a Saviour. Infidel books were handed to him. One, by the London Theist, Vaisey, impressed him greatly. I read with him Vaisey's attacks against the God of the Old Testament and showed him the fallacy of his arguments. For a year V. has been very bitter against Christianity. But he kept coming to our meetings. Often he interrupted our addresses. We rebuked him for his rudeness & opposition. Still he continued to come. We tried entreaty and warning but all seemed unavailing. Finally we ceased for a time pleading with him and pleaded more earnestly with God for him. Several of us visited

in a special season of prayer for him. A fortnight after this prayer meeting he said "Two weeks ago I could not rest. I went twice daily to a Hindu temple but found no peace. I must give up the struggle and be baptized. I shall pay my bill at the boarding house, remove my things and come to you to be baptized." We praised God for answering prayer. He continued "I have no money to pay my board bill, since my father's usual remittance is late in coming owing to his absence in the districts. When it comes I shall repay you." To tell him to wait until his father's remittance came would lead him to think that we doubted his honesty. Delay seemed dangerous. He might be carried off by his people or drawn into sin. So I gave him the money. Then we learned that he could not get away without paying other debts. Fortunately these were small. Dr. Guinness of London, who was our guest, also examined him and approved of his baptism. "I should not hesitate to baptize him," were his words. Our hearts were full of joy, the time was set for the ceremony and we waited for him at the church; but V. failed to appear. He told us later that his friends had stopped him. He asked that a Christian should come to his rooms and help him to get away. One went and as they were packing V's things the door opened, a Brahmin saw what was taking place, an alarm was sounded and a crowd assembled. We are glad that the Christian escaped with a whole skin, but V. remained behind and was watched more closely than ever. Two or three times he tried to escape with his things, but each time he failed because of the vigilance of his friends and his own timidity. I urged him to leave without his things. When the plague reached Poona he fled and we know not where he is. May

for v. We believe that he will confess Christ some day.

Shortly before we left Poona three men came on three successive days and expressed a desire to be baptized, but they have not yet taken the step. On Feb. 7th 1897 a Brahmin lad of fifteen said "I believe in Christ. My mind is made up. What shall I do after baptism? ... On returning home late from the Students Hall father asked where I had been. I did not tell a lie. He advised me not to go again and said that I would be tempted there." Should we advise him to be baptized or tell him to wait until he is eighteen? If we suggest the former course, he may be carried away as Surendra was removed from Calcutta and like Surendra be subjected to terrible sufferings. If we urge him to wait until he is of age, it means remaining three years longer in a heathen environment with its awful temptations to idolatry and lust.

One day we heard of a boy in Poona who was confessing Christ boldly and said that he had learned about Him in our Students Hall. We have no trace of him now.

VIII. Our Joys.

Soon after beginning work in Poona Mr Moorhead & I met a young Brahmin student whose name is Gajekar. We had many talks together. Oct. 11th 1895 we spoke about the necessity of obeying the Lord Jesus. On Nov. 5 he saw that it was his duty to be baptized and Nov. 26th he decided to take this step. He promised to return to us that night with all his things and break with Hinduism. A number of us assembled in the Native Presbyterian church to witness the baptism. We

had a blessed season of prayer for an hour, but the candidate did not appear. The next day he informed^{us} that he had removed his things into a carriage and was leaving the city for the camp where we live when some influential natives stopped the carriage, drove him back and locked him up all night. During my absence in December I believe that he was again on the point of baptism & was again prevented by friends or his own fears. His people got him away from Poona by writing that his brother was ill. It took him some time to reach the village and then they took him to another village & see a relative invested with the sacred Brahminical thread. After a time he returned to Poona expressing his firm faith in Christ and his purpose to be baptized. In the Students Hall he asked for prayer in spite of the ridicule and threats of his fellow students; but baptism was still postponed. People in America do not know what it means for a Brahmin to take this step. The struggle is awful. Again he expressed a purpose to be baptized. Again several Christians assembled to witness the ceremony and again we were disappointed. Some thought that he was deceiving us and that he had no intention of being baptized; but a few of us kept on praying & believing. For several days he was in my house with the lad Krishna. A Brahmin convert looked after his physical food and Miss Bernard of the Church of Scotland helped me to give him spiritual food. Those were blessed days - days of walking by faith and not by sight. We felt our utter helplessness and God gave us patience & work on with the timid, fearful hesitating young man. But we could not be severe with him. Already he had been stoned for believing in Christ.

In his forehead where formerly he bore the print mark of heathenism he now was bearing the mark of Jesus. Gal. 6:17 - the cut made by a stone. If he had suffered thus before baptism what might he not expect after! Finally his mind was made up. He wished to take the decisive step when our little Elizabeth and his Brahmin friend Krishna would be baptized. He was in the church, saw the others undergo the rite and was brought up by my wife to the front seat to confess Christ. He again hesitated and we did not urge him. As we were leaving Poona the next day he came to the station and slipped into my hand the following note... "Though I was afraid yesterday I am sure that God will give your blessing at a certain time and I hope God will never let me go back, and I request you to keep these words & not to forget them."

The next Sabbath, March 15th 1886, he was baptized. Miss Bernard wrote: "J. was baptized this morning but with many fears and no joy. It has come to me that following Christ in the dark in sorrow & weakness is perhaps the first step to us all... I did thank for that verse 'My strength is made perfect in weakness'" J. wrote me "I was ready to be baptized & Miss Bernard told me 'it depends upon your choice'; so I told her either give me baptism today or on Sunday because I must leave the fear & everything for Christ - for they are not everlasting things as Christ is." Josh. 1: 9 helped him much.

It is comparatively easy to get him to arise up in meetings and ask to be prayed for, but how difficult it is for them to be actually baptized! Joglekar planned to be baptized Nov. 26; he was baptized March 15 - nearly four months after. I can mention ten

who have expressed a purpose to be baptized and not one has as yet taken the step. I can mention many more who have expressed a firm belief in Jesus as their Saviour and who have not yet decided to be baptized. If results are to be measured by an Lord's test of baptism only a few can be reported. Of course my remarks apply only to the high caste Hindus. For the others baptism is not such a serious difficulty.

This Report is already so long that I shall not give the story of the conversion of another Brahmin, Krishna Moorgankar.

VIII The Care of Converts.

Mr. Bhide, the Brahmin who was first baptized, received his first impulse towards Christianity through Miss Bernard of the Church of Scotland Mission. She is looking after him spiritually.

The responsibility for looking after Joglekar and Krishna has rested upon my wife and me, since Mr. Moorhead has been absent from Poona much of the time. Of course we wish them to be self supporting. But how can this be accomplished. Their relatives will not help them. The Hindus will not employ them and they have not enough education to secure good government positions. So we decided to have them continue their studies. One we sent to a High School in Poona where the pupils are Europeans & Eurasians, but the Brahmin students found him out. They often came to his room to trouble him. He lost his cap and was beaten. At midnight he was taken to the home of a Brahmin L.B. and everything possible was done

to make him return to Hinduism. His brother promised him support if he would go to their village. The pressure was great & the backward pull terrible. After much prayer we decided to send him for a few weeks to a Mission School in Calcutta until the storm of persecution had blown over. Should we place him in any school in Western India the Poona Brahmins would probably find him out. The food in Calcutta did not suit him. He was lonely, discouraged, sick. So he ~~started~~ to return to us. On the return journey a relative ^{saw} him in the train and carried him off to Nasik, a place always and doubly sacred this year because of the festival which takes place only once in twelve years. Poor Joglekar was surrounded by Brahmins of the Brahmins whose livelihood depended upon loyalty to Hinduism and whose wrath was great on learning that a Brahmin had been baptized. I wrote to us about his capture, the journey and of the beating received in Nasik, and he told the catechist to whom his letter was directed that it would do no good to follow him and attempt a rescue "But prayer was made earnestly to God for him". Later on the post brought the following from a distant town: "Very sorry to write that my friend, Mr. Joglekar, died. You will be sorry to hear this but we are glad because he left our religion & stuck to another religion - he being a high caste Brahmin. You deceived him. We have been hearing of Christianity for a long time but nothing truth can be found." This was anonymous. Again we went & are here at last the dear fellow turned up in Poona, but ill. Words cannot describe the joy with which we welcomed him home.

Hereafter he lived an our compound in a room next to mine so that he might not be again carried off. The past few months he has been working as an apprentice in an office of the Finance Department of Government. My wife and Mr. Moorhead have helped him much in prayer and Bible Study. His prayers are most sincere and simple. We praise God for him. Mr. Moorhead writes from Poona, April 3, "You and Mrs. Wilder will be glad to hear that Jogikhar has a situation at Rs. fifteen; he is delighted and simply radiates with happiness. All the fear manifest at the time of his baptism has left and he is full of joy."

The other Brahmin convert has caused us some concern. His past life has not been as good as Jogikhar's. His brother is a native actor and Krishna's mind was full of dancer songs. But we believe that he is truly converted. I think that missionaries agree that Brahmin converts are more difficult to deal with than other converts. The lower castes are more submissive and simple. Pride is the plague of Brahminism. Krishna was sent to a Boarding School where most of the pupils are children of Christians who were formerly low caste. They ate flesh. Krishna felt among them as a Fifth Avenue lad would feel among Lincoln University students - descendants of former slaves. He was not happy here. Two months after his baptism he had a serious disagreement with a Catechist. One missionary thought that the catechist did wrong, another put the blame upon K. I was away from Poona at the time. The old pride returned and K. left the Christians. For several weeks we lost track of him. Then we heard

that his relatives were taking him to Nasik to perform *hazarchitta* (torment). He wrote that he had escaped from them and that they were searching for him. He added "To the Lord our God be glory, mercy and forgiveness; though we have rebelled against Him - I don't like to leave the Christ - I have no Saviour except God. Excuse all my faults. I will not see you again." This letter came to a Poona Missionary. Two months later an Ahola Missionary wrote me as follows: "He [K.] has had no desire to go to Nasik and wants to return to Poona, but tells me that his uncle keeps such a close watch of him that he has not been able to leave the house to any great extent - He is desirous of still remaining a Christian & I do hope trust God will make this his experience of much blessing to him for his whole future & prepare him for a deeper & closer life in our Lord Jesus." Again God had answered prayer. Again Krishna joined us. We gave him another opportunity to study, but after remaining in school a short time he wished to work. Now he has a good position in an office of the G. I. P. Railway, Poona, under a Christian Manager and is earning fifteen Rupees a month. We hear that he is steady and is doing well. Mr. Bhide was supporting himself by teaching before his baptism and he is still maintaining himself in that way. We are very thankful that all these converts are self supporting.

TX. Other Work.

I have spoken in the Taylor High School, in Pundita Rarnabai's Home, in the C. M. S. Divinity School and in the Anglo-Indian Girls Home. Frequently Christian Students came

at our house for personal conversation and prayer.

I have also addressed audiences of Europeans and Eurasians in the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church, the Young Men's Christian Association and have spoken in meetings for missionaries and other Christian workers, also in special services for English Soldiers.

In Marathi I have spoken to villagers, gypsies, school children, and Indian Christians in the Presbyterian & C.M.S. Churches and in private homes. Some time was also given to Committee work, since I was on the Executive Committee of the Poona Missionary Conference and represented the Church of Scotland on the General Committee of the Y.M.C.A.

At the beginning of this Report it was stated that we were invited to work six weeks in Poona. At the end of this period the Missionary Conference urged us to remain six months and then the invitation was extended for a longer time. When we felt constrained to leave India for a year's work ^{in America}, the following action was taken by the Poona Missionary Conference: Minute 3. Feb. 25th 1897. On a statement from Mr. Wilder that he felt constrained to accept a call for some special work in America and so must leave Poona on March 1st. This Conference desires to record their gratitude to God for the service which Messrs Wilder and Moorhead have been able to render in response to the invitation of this Conference on 9th March 1895. By the very frequent meetings, it believes that a powerful witness has been borne to the Faith: while the sustained attendance of young men, often in spite of much opposition, bears evidence to the interest excited through the meetings. The Conference in cordially acknowledging its thanks

& these brethren, further wishes Mr. Wilder every blessing and much success in his work in America." "Minute 4 The Conference further intimates that with Mr. Wilder's departure the official responsibility, which it had undertaken in connection with this mission & the students in the city, ceases - John Torrance, Secy."

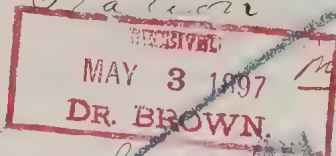
We deeply appreciate the hearty cooperation of this Conference during the nineteen months we have worked in connection with it. Such united work is an additional proof to educated Hindus that Churchmen and non conformists - Americans, Englishmen & Australians - are one in Christ whatever be the branch of evangelical Christianity to which they belong.

Since Mr. Moorhead could not promise to be responsible for the work in Poona during our absence, I asked Mr. T. A. Bailey - formerly Secretary of the Cork Y. M. C. A. - to assume the charge of it. The Secretary of the Poona Missionary Conference writes that Mr. Bailey continues to have good meetings for students, which is very cheering in view of the plague panic. Mr. Moorhead is now in Poona and we hope that he will be able to cooperate with Mr. Bailey in the work during the rains.

Robert P. Wilder
Parkreien 15,
Christiania,
Norway.

April 20th 1897

The bi-monthly letter of the
Kochapur Station



Mr. F. H. Lister

Dear Dr Brown -

At this ~~may~~ the first
time this season duty has been
to me to, you will be interested
and in an interesting news, and
attribute it to my inexperience
rather than to any other cause.
This month finds us in rather an
unsettled state on account of
departures, newly dividing the
work, building, &c.

Mrs. & Miss Wilder have left us
for the homeland, and we
feel that the vacancy made
by their departure can only
be filled by their return,
which we hope will be in
at least a year & a half.

The missionaries, Native Committee
& some English friends were at
the station to see them and
Arthur Tedford off on Feb 25th.
and then to bid them

many a wet eye & sad heart. Mr Seiler and Mr Hannum have made this division in the work i.e.

Division
work.

Mr. Hannum

Mr. Seiler

Mr Hannum has taken the care of the village work & Mr Seiler the City, both find plenty to do.

Mr Hannum says that he thinks none of our Christian people are suffering, on account of the famine though of course they do feel the high prices. He sometimes goes on his bicycle to the out stations riding from 12 to 25 miles in a day.

Mr Seiler's work in the City is going on about as usual.

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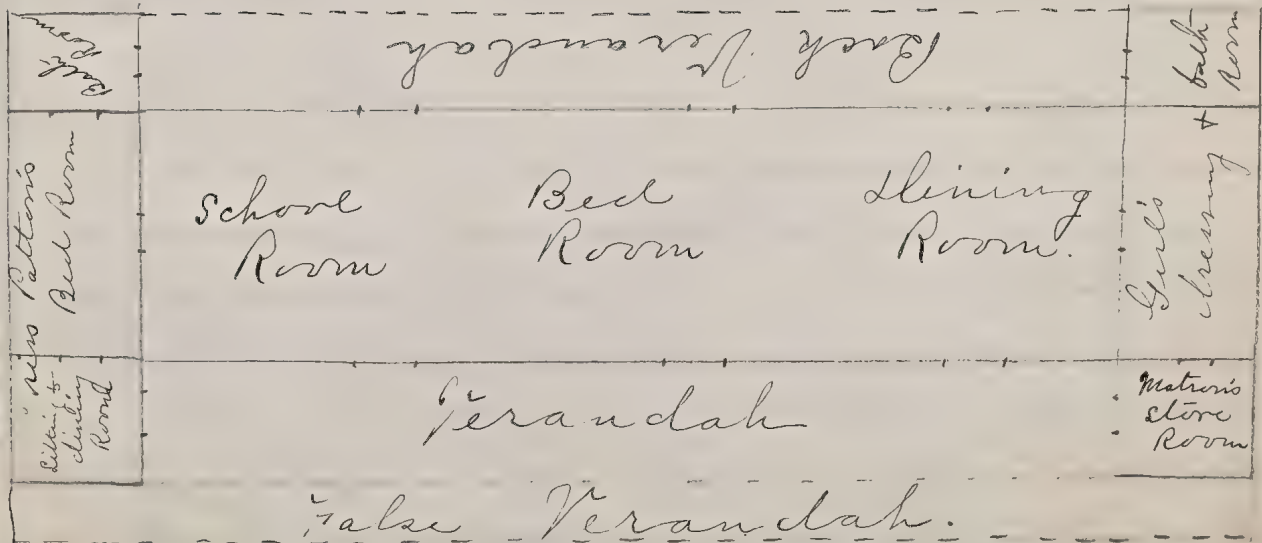
The people of the Mahar wads are asking him to reopen the boys school which was abandoned by the boys when Ramubai's trial for her boy was going on.

We were somewhat encouraged last week by the uncle of the boy showing some signs of relenting, and we are praying

that God will finish the work
He has begun in the Uncle's heart,
and move him to restore the boy
to his mother.)

From *Girls* *school.* Mrs Ferriss & Miss Patton have re-
moved the Christian girls from
the dormitory to the military
Hospital in the camp, ~~where~~
they have secured for a small
rental.

Miss Patton has taken the little rooms
at this end of the building and is
staying with the girls night & day,
coming home only for her dinner,
where she makes her own breakfast
& teas.



This is a very crude plan of the
hospital. There are several out-houses
one of which is their cook room
& others are for the Matron and
watchman.

~~Addition~~ The building is going on very
to satisfactory on the addition to
~~dormitory~~ the dormitory. The door & window
frames are up and the wall
in the highest place is as high
as a man's head. Mr Wilson is
making this building a sort of
gamine relief work for our village
Christians & he has now employed
about 30. beside several Hindees
He pays them better than they
would be paid were they working
on Government relief works.
He hopes the building will be
quite finished before the next
bi-monthly letter is written but
we old & experienced missionaries
make prophecies behind his back.
~~to be changed~~ Miss Wilder's two girls' schools
were put in my care, just

Before she tells, for me to superintend at the station, with the hope that when we have a Mrs Wilson in our station she will take up this work as she will have more time & strength to devote to it than I have. The Commwar School is going on very irregularly, but the Adityawar School is still all & rather discouraging.

Mrs Hannum has charge of Mrs Wilder's Mang girls school.

Mrs Ferris & Phoebe are planning to go to Mahabishwar about April 1st; while Miss Patton has decided to spend the hot season here in Kolhapur.

Mr Hannum & family, our sister the children & I expect to go soon to Pannala. Mr Wilson will also go to Pannala as soon as building duties allow.

Before we leave Kolhapur we hope to finish our sanitary measures which have been going on for

6th.

some weeks past.

Of course at this time when the plague is abroad, we feel very anxious to do all in our power to have our houses & yards clean. We have had a road after road of rubbish cleared away & are having all the houses white washed inside & out. This makes a very great difference in the look of the place & we hope in the cleanliness of it too!

We ask your special prayers for us and all India that this suffering & sorrow may be for the glory of our Lord & the hastening of His Kingdom & that we His people may be kept.

Yours very sincerely

Mary L. Seiler.

Kolhapur, S. M. C.
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Res Arthur J. Brown DD
New York

My dear Dr Brown

Dr. J. J. Charles

For some weeks it has been
very hard to write you but pressure
of work has prevented my doing so.
Today however I find a quiet opportunity
I was called here suddenly two days
ago to attend Mr. Tidwell who had three
days previously been seriously ill & was
bleeding considerably. I was obliged
to operate to prevent further hemorrhage
& blood poisoning. I operated on the
day of my arrival - day before yester-
day & the patient is doing nicely & is
now I believe out of danger. I expect
to return to Miraj this afternoon.

Before coming here I was called to
the Capital of a Native State - Jath - forty
miles east of Miraj to attend the
Administration who was suffering
with acute compression of the brain. I
left him out of danger & on

arrival home at Muraj found a telegram awaiting me from Mr. Girdford. It was fortunate I was not longer delayed on Jath to which place there is no railway communication as yet.

Handless Mrs. I came down from Mahabeshwar, ten days ago having Mr. Wambes & ~~not well~~ our little girl Ethel there. Mr. Wambes had not been well for some weeks owing to her pregnant state but she has been greatly benefited by the cool fresh air of our Mahabeshwar sanatorium.

Handless Mrs. Graham who has not been at all well also required a good deal of ^{while at Diglabbhwar} my attention. She is suffering from extreme nervousness & it became necessary to send her back to Saugli in order to secure quietness & rest away from the excitement of meeting strangers. Mr. Graham of course was obliged to return to Saugli also. Mrs. Graham is not physically weak but her nervous condition is such that I do not think it will be possible

for her to remain in India for more than another year. Her nervous symptoms are gradually becoming more & more exaggerated. I have recommended that she be permitted to return to America with spring & a motion asking the Board for an appropriation for her return has already passed the mission. Mr Graham may have to return with Mr Graham but this he feels he cannot decide upon now owing chiefly to his position as Mission Treasurer, the Board's Attorney etc.

Bengaloo. Your letter together with the authorization & appropriation for the erection of another bungalow at Miraj has been duly received. Accordingly a plan has been prepared & passed by the Property Committee. The erection of the building has been put in my charge. While at Mahabaleshwar I spent some days in preparing the plan the details of which are not quite complete ^{enough} to forward to the Board. I am making the plan myself in order to save architect's fees of two hundred

repairs or more. The plan is sufficiently complete to proceed with the work & I expect to make a beginning tomorrow. The plan will be duly forwarded to the Board together with a plan of the Children's Hospital which I made when erecting that building.

Then I have written to Mr. Converse thanking him for his generous donation, and ^{for} this another practical manifestation of his interest in the Miraj work.

I have been able to secure a gain through our influence with the Chief of Miraj, building materials at reduced rates as formerly when erecting the Hospital.

While at Mahabeshwar for three weeks ^{Dr. Wilson} ~~Dr. Wilson~~ ^{effluently} relieved me at Miraj. In this ^{abundantly} we find the wisdom of sending a second medical missionary to the mission. In addition to the regular work in the Hospital & Dispensary ^{Dr. Wilson} was blessed in saving the life of the wife of one of our Christian helpers who was suffering from cholera, a matter of our Christian women.

from Dangle is now isolated in the childrens hospital which for the time being we have turned into an infectious ward. She has a very serious attack of small pox.

Coming from Mahabeshwar I found a good many surgical cases awaiting me. The quarantine regulations on the Railway (on account of plague) have prevented many patients from coming to us & the attendance at ^{the} Dispensary & Hospital has diminished greatly during the past three months. The plague is diminishing rapidly in Bombay & Poona & we hope that it will be stamped out entirely by the beginning of the monsoon when the quarantine will be lifted & our work & that of other hospitals return to its normal state.

Our accounts for the last fiscal year have been closed. During the six months of the year in which our Miraj work has been in operation I have received in fees & turned over to the Board Rs 14/38 in fees which is the practised

outcome of our efforts toward self-support.

I am thankful to hear that a trained nurse is likely to be sent out in the future. Miss Sharp has done splendid work so far as her knowledge goes & has been simply invaluable in the absence of a person fully trained. She is a lady of beautiful Christian character & it has been a real pleasure to have her in our home.

I regret very much to hear of the resignation of Mr. Dulles. The Board can ill afford to lose so valuable a man from the Board.

I must hastily close as it is nearly time for me to start back to Meraj.

With warmest regards to yourself & the other Secretaries & praying that you may be ever guided by the Spirit of God in all the important duties entrusted to you.

Cordially & sincerely yours

Edmund

May 8th. Mr. Bedford is constant.

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Dear Dr. Brown:

Please find enclosed
the Report of work done in
Poona from July 1895 to
March 1st 1897.

We have enjoyed
this campaign among stud-
ents more than words can
express. God has been with us
and we firmly believe that several
of these students will soon confess
Christ. Please continue to help
in the work by your prayers

I have had good meetings
here with students and Gymna-
sia boys, and am glad to say

that there are fine Student Volunteers in Christiania

To-morrow I leave, Dr., for the German Student Volunteer Conference in Halle and then go to Copenhagen for a campaign among Danish students.

We were glad to receive a good letter from Mr. Speer this morning.

With kindest regards in which my wife joins me, I am
Yours in Christ.

Robert S. Wilder

Parkveien 15,
Christiania,

Norway.

P.S. Please address the letter to Dr. Eving & post it with the other
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Rev'd A. J. Brown, D.D., Secretary.

New York.

Dear Brother: H. H. Lummis

Request for

Herewith I beg

to transmit to you a motion of the Mission,
a proper declared passed yesterday.

It is as follows: Moved: That

ask the Board for an appropriation for
the return of Mrs. Graham to the United States
in the Spring of 1898.

Respectfully

Yours Respectfully,

William H. H. H. H.

Secretary, Western Union Mission.

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P.S. Did you receive my letter of Jan'y 22nd? In it, I wrote about
and coming so soon
w. Parkmeien 15

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Dear Dr. Labaree-

I am sending you
by this mail "The Bombay
Young Men's Monthly"
Containing an address
delivered by me at the
Poona Students Confer-
ence. Will you please be
good enough to pass it
on to Dr. Ellinwood after
you have read it?

The Halle Conference
was said to be the best Con-
ference of Christian Students

ever held in Germany. Eleven Universities and one Higher Technical School were represented. Sixty students from out of Halle and one hundred Halle students attended. Care was taken to publish that this was not an American or English idea!! Their Missionary Movement is not as carefully organized as ours; but nevertheless I am glad to see that the Cause of Foreign Missions can draw together so many University men in Germany. Some of the students are very earnest in their loyalty to Christ.

I spoke twice; once upon "Power from on High" and the second time upon the "American Student Volunteer Movement and the Student

Volunteer Movement of India and Ceylon". Mr. Hudson Taylor gave an address upon China to Mr. Wright upon the British Student Movement. There was also a short address upon the Australian Student Movement by Mr. Heyer.

From Halle I went to Copenhagen where I had four meetings - three for students. There is a quickening of spiritual life in Denmark. In many rural districts, notably in Jutland, revivals of true religion have taken place. These are not connected with any great preaching, but can only be explained as showers from the windows of heaven. In Copenhagen several of the aristocracy have taken a stand for Christ. I spoke to several of these last

Sunday in the Drawing Room
of Countess Malthe. Count J.
Malthe, the head of the court of
the Crown Prince, is a very hum-
ble and holy man. I was his
guest and had sweet fellowship
with him.

Please excuse me for not
sending my Report to you. I made
the mistake of directing it to Dr.
Brown, I believe.

Pray for me. God is giving
me splendid opportunities among
these Scandinavian peoples. I

Did you know why we left
India so soon? The doctor said that
it would not be safe for my wife to
travel later than the first of March
because she is in the family way.
It was necessary to leave then or
not at all. I wrote to Mr. McWill-
iams about it at the time.

With kindest regards from
my wife and self, I am
Yours in Christ's Service
Robert O. Wilder

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Amba Ghat, S.M.C.

May 10 - 1897.

Dear Dr. Brown -

Miss. Wilson

This is rather late for an official letter from Ratnagiri Station, but my work at Miraj Hospital the first part of the month & my brother's wedding occurring just as I returned to Ratnagiri prevented my preparing this sooner.

As regards the work of the station, - Misses Minor & Jefferson with Misses Linsworth & Green returned from their tour to Chiplun about Mar. 16. They had started on Feb. 25th. Chiplun is the only seaport of any importance between Ratnagiri & Bombay, & lies about 60 miles north & a little west of Rat. The ladies had a very interesting tour & found in nearly every place they visited some who received them gladly for the message they brought. They only returned so soon because of the Hindu festival which began Mar.

18th, - the Holi - The most wicked,
I am told, of all their festivals, & a
time when it is very undesirable
for ladies to be travelling about
the country.

evening Apr. 1st Misses Minor & Jefferson
with Miss Ferguson left Rat.
by boat for Bengurka, about
20 mi. south. There they looked
over the work of our native helper
Bakavantaraiya, who labours
alone in that great field. Then
they toured back through the
country to Ambrosi Ghat (35 mi.
from R.). In all of which territory
there is not a person save B. to
"tell the old, old story of Jesus & His
love."

2 In that part of our field there are
a great many Roman Catholics,
descendants of the converts of Xavier
at Goa. The ladies found
among these a good deal of dis-
satisfaction with their priests
& present paganism of worship.

At one place, Savantvadi, a strong request was made for a missionary, or at least a helper, to be stationed among them. The ladies were absent on this tour sixteen days.

Mr. Durwin has continued in the regular work of the Church & has preached in some of the fishing villages along the coast south of Ratnagiri. His Eng. class of young men now meets twice a week, & are to continue their English studies, & are to study the fundamental truths of Christianity. He feels much encouraged by the interest they manifest in the work.

The last of May I received an urgent letter from Dr. Wankless asking me to go to Miraj & relieve him as he found it necessary to take Mrs. W. out of the heat at once to Mahabaleshwar. I obtained a pass through this quarantine station & went post haste, remaining in M. 29 days. Of

Course it was difficult to step into
the midst of Hospital work when
I knew almost nothing of the lan-
guage but Dr Wouless has some
very good assistants who speak
Eng. well so I managed to get
Medical along slowly. Was kept very
work of busy & of course my Marathi
Medical studies had to stop, but I feel very
missions much encouraged by what I
saw & heard there of the practical
work of Medical Missions & more
than ever thankful that God has
permitted me to enter this work.

I feel that God blessed my short
stay in Miraj - especially in
the case of one of the Ktn women
who was taken sick with cholera.
By His blessing we were able to
sustain her through the crisis &
Dr Wouless has since written me
of her complete recovery. It was
beautiful to see how firm her
faith in Jesus remained & when
she could only talk in whispers

His name was constantly on her lips.

October Mrs Wilson did not accompany me to Miraj but remained in Ratnagiri & continued her Marathi studies. Now we are here at the traveller's bungalow in this pass of the Mountains detained in quarantine for ten days. Misses Unsworth, Ferguson & Betteridge came out here with us for the benefit of a short stay in the mountains. We are all feeling the benefit of the change from the heat of the coast to this cool place. Messrs. Hannum & Simonson were with us till yesterday when, their time having expired, they went on to Kolhapur.

5 The country around is dotted with ridiculous little quarantine stations which do no good & only cause a lot of annoyance to everyone who tries to travel.

We expect to go on from here to
Miraj for the rains.

Marrakech
29th Sept. As you doubtless know by
this time Edgar & Miss Green
were married in Rattragiri Apr.
29th. Mr Hammin officiated
& the occasion was a very
happy one for us all.

7 I need not mention the cholera
plague & the famine for your
newspapers give you better in-
formation of the true condition
of things than we have here.

Yours in the work.

Alex. S. Wilson.

Amiba Ghata, State of Kolhapur, India
5 May 1897. 76

Dear Dr. Brown.

Wm. H. Hammond

Bi-monthly Letter.

The writing of the Bi-monthly Letter from Kolhapur Station falls to me this time. My reason for writing from Amiba Ghata is that I am returning in company with Mr. Simonson from the marriage of Mr. E. M. Wilson, and E. M. Kate Green, which I had the honor of solemnizing on 29th April, at Ratnagiri.

The wedding was a delightful event. We present the missionaries of Ratnagiri and Mr. Simonson from Miraj, the Indian members of the Ratnagiri Church, and a number of Hindu and Musalman friends. Most of the guests had never seen a European marriage before. Some minor portions of the ceremony were in the Marathi language from consideration for those present who could not understand English. Miss Harroth acted as bride-maid and Mr. Simonson as best man; and Mr.

Indian responded in giving away the hide.
After the ceremony, which was at 9 in
the morning, an elaborate wedding breakfast
was served to the European guests. In the
afternoon a reception with refreshments was
held for the Indian friends.

Guarantine The British Political Agent for Kolāāpūr,
2 Col. J. H. May, from fear of becoming sick,
has ordered a quarantine of ten days at
Khūbā Ghātā against all persons coming
from Ratnāgiri - in face of the record of
not a case at Ratnāgiri for several months
and not an indigenous case since the
plague broke out in Bombay. This is
producing great annoyance and extensive
smuggling. Still however unreasonable the
order we feel it incumbent on us to "be
in subjection to the higher powers." If it
were not for various duties at Kōnāpūr I
should be most glad to stay here, for the
mountain air and scenery are refreshing,
quite like Mahābālīhvara.

Members The members of the station are distributed
dispersed now. For instance P. B. is at Mahābālīh-
vara, Miss Patten and P. B. are at Kōnāpūr.

also to spend some days in auditing the Mission Treasurer's accounts. That will furnish a brief honeymoon for the newly married pair. Afterwards they are to come to the No. 2 Bungalow in Kolhapur where Mrs. Wilson will be heartily welcomed to the Station. Mr. Seiler and his family have spent the season at Panhala but he is now at Kolhapur, for our man of the station seems needed there. My family remained at Panhala till a week ago, when we went down to Kolhapur.

Death
May 4

Within the period covered by this letter occurred the death of our little daughter, Mary Annabella of diphtheria on 23rd March, of which I wrote you before. God's grace is sufficient. I believe there is no serious illness in the Station now.

~~Completion~~ The addition to the Dormitory of the Girls' Boarding School is now almost completed. Mr. Seiler taking charge of the work in Mr. Wilson's absence.

Day
a. no. 2 The day schools in Kolhapur were going on as usual when I left. The teacher, Hiroba, has been transferred from Aditarara Petha to the Mahara Vada.

7. At stations I have tried to get rice
 a month. There has lately been an outbreak
 of cholera at Bhikara Sasagawa, some of
 the near relations and next-door neighbors
 of our Christian people having died of it, but
none of the Christians took it at all, a
deliverance for which they and we thank
God. One family there was in want of food
 several weeks ago as was also one at
 Herale, and I left a little money in trust
 hands at each of the two places to buy grain
 for distribution to such of the victims as
 might need. After the shower of some
 weeks ago the price of grain fell a little,
 but as there are yet four months to harvest
 there remain alarming possibilities. I have
 lately heard that there are some
 rina people near Herale on the point of
 starvation. The Government by law
 provides for nearly all such. The members
 of the Station have secured a
 unassociated fund from America for
 it is now proposed to print a notice
 but of the committee of the station
 is to be made a notice of the

? ...

House At home a search is being made for a
For house for the use of 'Limbaji', the teacher.
Limbaji The house formerly rented there was given
 up, when 'Limbaji' went to 'Pātnāgnī' for
 three months, and a more advantageous
 place is now desired.

There are several persons at Gadagwa
Applicants and in the vicinity requesting baptism.
For but in these hard times such requests are
Baptism so likely to prove adulterated with base
 motives, that Pastor Sivarāmaji is (con-
 siderably) cautious and is holding off the
 applicants.

Peccunary I have for the last three months
and received from the newly elected board of
to deacons of the Kolhāpūr Church great
needy assistance in dealing with poor Christian
Christians applicants for pecuniary aid. I have for the
 present laid down these conditions, (1) that
 every case must be examined and reported
 favorably by the deacons and (2) that the
 deacons must grant from the Church's
 funds at least one tenth the amount that
 is expected to give. As the money is

of the station support me in this plan, the good effect of this regimen has already begun to show, both on the applicants for aid and on the deacons. The deacons are Daniel P. Jadhava, a baker; and Anandarava L. Padaghalamala and Bithoba Hajare, mission teachers. On some of my recent trips to the out-stations I got Pastor Sivaraimaji and Deacon Anandarava to accompany me that they might become better acquainted with the needs. All this counts as a step towards a self-supporting Indian Church.

With kindest Christian greetings of the Station, and with prayer for Divine help to you and all the officers of the Board at this critical season, I remain,

Fraternally yours
William H. Hannum.

Kulhapur, India, May 9/97

Rev. A. J. Brown D.D.

Secy to 156, 5th Ave. N.Y.

My Dear Dr. Brown:

G. H. Fisher

It seems to me it is about time for me to write to you again. Although this is a hard year to begin, we are trying to put in force though it may be at the thin end of an entering wedge, the Principles bearing on native self-support which we lately adopted. We are trying more than ever to let the native Brethren see that ~~when~~ we are more inclined to help those who first help themselves than those who petition us like beggars. In other words those who are worthy of help, or whose crops are gone, or who are trying to eke out a livelihood amidst many social disabilities, must first apply to the Board of Deacons of their Church if they wish aid, and if these give something, the Missionary in Charge feels at liberty to supplement, or give a multiple of, it. Still, you must not be too sanguine of quick and satisfactory results here, because years of oppression has left nearly every family of the poorer classes debt-ridden and in the deepest poverty. There is scarcely a village Christian whose land is ^{or was} not mortgaged, and creditors harass them more because they think they can get the money from us.

Self-Support

not too sanguine

Cut

Yesterday we received the Appropriations for Kolhapur. When we sent the Estimates I am not sure whether we told you that we figured very closely, in many cases to the very rupee, hence "his labor, his opus est" & cut out our share of the Rs. 17,307. As the Wilders have gone, we can cut out the Rs. 420 for Wilson's house rent, and from Rs. 400 med. allow. Rs. 800 Sanitarium, and for Pw. ditto, & about Rs. 300 on acc of Mary Annun Seceased, &c. About Rs. 3000 is the very utmost we can cut (out of Rs. 5700) unless we cut Rs. 2500 from schools and our salaries. I lately began to remit to N. Y. \$5 a month from my salary, but now it may be necessary to increase that and cut it out of the appropriations. I should not be surprised if one or two others would offer to do the same. We think some of dispensing with a conveyance after the rains (it is hard to get along without one in the monsoon, or if one has distant village work in hot weather).

Wife & children are at Panhala where we went about 7 weeks ago. I have been down here examining schools & four times, and in Mr. Wilson's absence to get married & visit Mahabaleshwar. I have for 14 days been superintending the building of the Girls' Dormitory, wh. is about completed. Some white washing remains to be done, window panes to be put in & rubbish to be cleared away.

Family
at Panhala

Grain is not dearer than it was two months ago, still it costs about 75 p.c. more than it did last year, and many farmer's crops whose lands were skipped by the "latter rain" which is not general, but only here & there, are failed or nearly so, and it is perplexing to plan work and relief for it from applicants. (mostly than, some only nominal & fear)

Mr. Seiler is not so well as I expected he would be at Pankala. Malaria seems to have got into her. Dr. Wan- less wanted us to go to ~~Pankala~~ Mahabeshwar, but this hard year we did not feel that we could go.

Drought The drought now in Chauritius is supposed to forebode a bad monsoon here - but let us not borrow trouble.

I am sorry that Mr. Duller felt compelled to resign. I was Mission Treasurer in 1890, and then and always had pleasant relations with him.

Backsliding The backslidings and persecution of Christians, especially in the villages, were too much for Mr. Gheen. So when he comes back in Autumn we will most probably give him something left wearing.

It is It is quite warm here now - a day, mercury about 100° in the coolest room except when the doors & blinds are all closed. As regards my own health, I should be willing to stay here every hot season, as the heat is not hard on me, but it is desirable to be away from the people & daily scenes for a few weeks occasionally.

I have been to about a dozen villages around Pankhola
or below the mountain and expect to go frequently in
the short time that is left before the rains. In June I ex-
pect to begin to teach the others. Clasp 19 hours a week.

I suppose I am in the minority in the opinion that
we should make haste slowly in taking up new stations.
Every such movement seems to involve the matter of a
new bungalow and heavy expense. We must push our
native helpers out more and infuse into them the
ideas of responsibility and self-propagation of the Ch.
When our good visionary optimists at home talk of
sending a thousand (green) missionaries to India or
China in a year they lose sight I fear of the possi-
bilities and competency of experienced native helpers
and the envy awakened in the minds of the latter when
they see large numbers of new & inexperienced mis-
sionaries handling much money, which they undoubt-
edly think (whether they openly say it or not) might be
more judiciously spent among ten or fifteen times the
number of native helpers. It may be because I have
been here so long that I write thus, but I cannot help it.
Of course these ideas need to be dovetailed into the prin-
ciples underlying the duty of helpers to self-support & self-
propagation of the Church.

Yrs Sincerely
G. H. Filer

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Kolhapur India

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18 May 1897

Dear Dr. Brown:

Wm. & Hannum

Appropriations cut.

Allow me to thank you for your letters of 10th, 22nd and 29th March, addressed to me. Those also of 15th and 19th April, addressed to the Mission, have been passed around the Station. I am sorry about the cut, but sorriest not to get any new missionaries. As to the cut itself, some of us think that the Board would do a wise thing to cut off Class IX permanently, especially in a Mission which like this one is well supplied with physicians and sanitariums.

*Suggests
cut off
Class
IX*

Wm.

*Hannum
improves*

My family and I are well. Indeed Mrs. Hannum - though obliged to take great care - is so much improved, that we begin to hope that we need not ask for furlough a day earlier than our regular time.

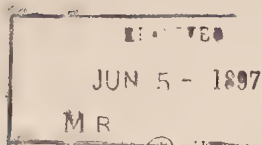
She joins in kind regards to you.

Yours Cordially,

William & Hannum.

Christiania

May 25th 1897



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Dear Dr. Laharee

Many thanks for your very kind letter of the 5th which we were glad to receive.

What you write about the severe retrenchment and the dark outlook financially and the work which the Board may perhaps ask me to do make me feel more like praying than writing.

Mother, Sister and I expect to sail from London on the Massachusetts of the Atlantic Transport Line June 10th. We shall probably

reach New York June 20th. and
I expect to call and see you
soon after landing.

God is giving me oppor-
tunities to speak here. This week
I have three meetings. Last night
I addressed several members of
the aristocracy in a Drawing
Room meeting upon the Spirit-
ual Life and God helped me.

With kindest regards
from my wife and self, I am
Yours very sincerely

Robert P. Wilder

P.S. Please ask that my copy of
The Church at Home & Abroad may
be sent to Mr. W. P. Wilder Jr.
46 Cedar St. New York.

Bi-monthly letter

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Miraj, S.W.C. India June 15, 1897.

Dear Dr. Brown,

As you see it has become my
duty to write the Ratia-giri station - bi-
monthly letter, but unfortunately I can tell
you almost nothing of what is being done
in the station since we left it six weeks
ago.

Early in May Mr. and Mrs. Irwin
visited Vengurda for the purpose of in-
specting the work done there, and bringing
the native helper up that he might attend
the theological class which meets at Kolha-
pur during the rains this year. They found
the work in good condition and one
very earnest inquirer among the people - a
Goanese Roman Catholic. Miss Rachel
Irwin has been transferred to Ratia-giri
for the rains, and has our rooms there - while
we are settled in Miraj in the traveller's bue-
galo, while Dr. Wilson assists Dr. Wauless
in the hospital.

The quarantine restrictions and pressure
of work here in Miraj owing to Mrs. Wauless'
ill health, prevented our having any other
health change than the two weeks spent in

quarantine at Amba Wat. Our time passed very pleasantly there, and we were very comfortably situated. No finer place could have been found for a quarantine station.

Since we reached Miraj the interrupted ^{study} ~~language~~ study has been resumed. The work here is much the same as at Ratnagiri, studying Marathi, except that here I have added the work of housekeeping, which means some thing out here as well as at home. Our two servants are God's servants too, and we are very glad of that.

^{30th} ~~Medical~~ The doctors have opened a medical class this week, which they hope to continue for several months. Four students, all Christians, have come to attend. Only one has had any medical training, and he is a very promising young man, the son of a Christian physician at Poona. He has been an assistant in the hospital for some time. The students have lectures two hours each day, and have cases to study in the wards, and operations to see.

The doctors hope for a great deal from this class, for there is such a need for

trained native helpers in stations where there are neither physicians nor dispensaries. The attendance at the mission hospital and dispensary has been lighter than usual the last few months, owing to quarantine regulations all about us.

These affect the poor people more. There are more high caste people than usual in.

Woman patient One of the patients in just now is one of the Kolhapur Christian women. She is *sinking* very fast now, but seems happy in Christ. A few days ago when I was beside her bed she said "Jesus is all around me and He makes the pain easy to bear." The patients all listen attentively when ever the gospel is spoken of or hymns are sung. *Service in hospital* Mr. Simonson conducts a service in the hospital Sunday afternoons for those who cannot attend the dispensary service and Miss Sharp and the native nurses talk to the women. There is a dispensary service each morning before the examination of patients, and Mr. Simonson usually visits the wards each day to talk to the men. So the people are constantly hear-

ing the old old story and going back to
their homes to tell of what they have heard.
There are interesting cases coming and
going constantly. One wishes that the
different patients could be followed
after they go away, but we know that we
follow those who are willing to believe our
own name.

I fear that already I
have been trespassing on the territory
of the next person to write the Great
Station letter.

Sincerely yours
Mrs. A. S. W. J. Eugenie Lash Wilson.

Traveling
76 expenses June 25th/97.

Dear Dr. Brown.

Your note to my
Mother was received yesterday
and your kind words were
much appreciated. Grace E. Miller

Mother had intended to reply
herself but she is allowing me
to do this for her as I wished
to make some enquiries
concerning the missions of our
Board in Africa.

A friend in London is
wishing for statistics showing
the present status of our work
in Africa. His address is -

J. Thornton Esq.

S. V. M. U. Office.

9 Aldersgate St. London. E. C.

Would you kindly send him
a recent Report or have a few
recent figures-as the number of
Missionaries - no. of native helpers
Communicants &c. sent to him.

2 May I also enclose to you
my account for the Treasurer
of our Board.

I did not receive from
Mr. Graham (our Mission
Treasurer) any money for
my passage. I would
therefore be very glad if
I might have the whole or
a part of my passage money.

It quite convenient. May
I have \$100 in a ¹⁷⁴³⁶cheque

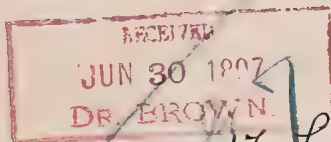
CHECK \$100.00
PAID June 30-197

and the remainder either
in another cheque or paid
at my brother's office - 45 Cedar
St.

Kindly excuse me for troubling
you. But as we have met. I
thought you would be so
kind as to thus introduce
me to our new Treasurer.

I am hoping to attend
the ladies' Northfield Conven-
-tion. It is indeed a great privi-
-lege to be again amid the
sympathy and constant help-
-fulness of Christian surround-
-ings. It is however sad to ^{often} fail
to find this atmosphere where
we expect it.

With kindest regards from
Mother and myself - Very Sincerely -
Grace E. Wilder.



17 Lansdowne Ave.

Toronto, Ont.

June 28th 1897.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown D.D. John Gair
156 Fifth Ave. New York.

Dear Dr. Brown,

As the summer is
advancing and the season for leaving
for India is approaching - I write you
with reference thereto.

At your last writing you mentioned
that another health certificate for Mrs Jolly
would be necessary. She therefore
had the doctor examine her on Saturday
last, and the enclosed is his statement.

If this certificate should ^{have} been made in
the Board's forms, you might forward
the blank to Dr. John Hunter, *116

Dovercourt Rd. Toronto, and he will
attend to the matter.

I will be glad to hear from
you at an early date with
reference to our appointment.

Will you also kindly inform us
whether Mr Wilder and Miss Wilder
~~are~~ in the U.S. & if so what
is their address.

I remain Yours Sincerely
John Joel.

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DR. BROWN.

From June 26th / 97

I have examined Mrs Jolly-
to-day & found. no evidence
of disease - Her health
is excellent: & in her
present condition should
be able to stand the
climate of India as
well as any one could

Lt Hunter M.A.
116 Dorset Court Road

JUL 30 1897

INDIA

Kolhapur. S. M. B. India.

June 29th 1897

Rev. A. J. Brown, D.D., For any & every
 Secretary of the Board of Foreign
 Missions: Ind.

Dear Mr. Brown:

at home With the varying changes
 in plans for my sons at
 home in America, it has seemed
 best to withdraw my two older
 sons - from Livingston Home at
 Worcester. I believe my friends
 have kindly given notice to this
 effect.

James Now it seems wise to place my
 youngest son, James Herbert there
 & I trust a place will be found
 for him. He has been with rela-
 tive during the past year & I
 believe they were to apply for him.
 As usual I will draw his allow-
 ance out here and our Treasurer
 will debit me as fees come from
 the Board for his board & at Worcester.

All extra allowance for clothes, &c.
&c I will send direct to Mr. Gay-
enberger, who I hope will be there
for many years to come.

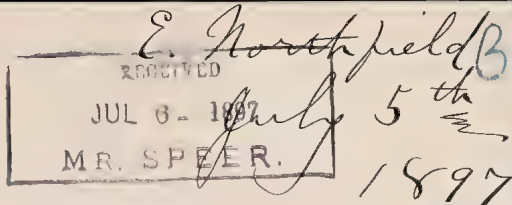
I trust my two older sons will
do themselves the pleasure of soon
calling upon you in your office,
as they will probably be in the
city seeking employment this fall.

Believe as ever

Yours sincerely

John C. Smith

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Dear Dr. Laharee -

Many thanks for your very kind letter which I should have been answered sooner had I not been so very busy with interviews and meetings. On Saturday I spoke three times and four times yesterday.

Your letter leads me to feel that the Board wishes an early decision from me. But after talking with Dr. Brown my impression was that he wanted me to take

time for prayer and consideration. He intimated that I need not decide in haste. So many issues are at stake and so many reasons for each work that I dare not move without clear guidance from the Master. For more than a year the work in Theological Seminaries has been in my prayers and on my heart. The need is great and the situation most critical. Have the leaders of the Student Volunteer Movement told you about the problems in the Seminaries?

On the other hand I feel the force of your reasons and the opportunity in connection with the Forward Movement is a great one. Let us continue

to pray and God will in due time reveal His plan.

I hope to reach New York Saturday morning and leave with you from 9:30 A.M. noon for prayer and Conference. I had thought of coming to see you to-day, but it would mean a long journey back tomorrow, since I am pledged to represent India at the World's Student Christian Federation Conference which begins tomorrow. Over twenty nations are represented here.

Please thank Mr. Howard for his kind letter.
Yours in Christ's Service
Robert S. Wilder



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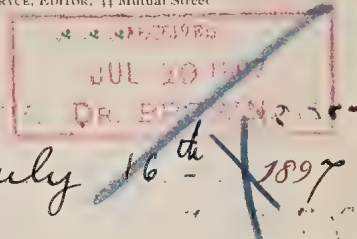
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Toronto,

July 16th 1897

Rev. Arthur J. Brown D.D.
136 Fifth Ave. New York.

John Jolly

My dear Dr Brown,

Yours of 7th inst. informing us of our appointment to the Western India Mission was duly received. I need scarcely say how glad I am that the way has at last been opened for our return to the work in India.

I cannot say yet when we will sail but hope to be ready early in September. I hope it will be possible for me to have the pleasure of meeting you and your new Treasurer, Mr. Stand and make your personal acquaintance. Whether we go via New York or Montreal will depend on which is the cheaper route.

I have written to Mr. Stand about outfit and passage.

Yours sincerely
John Jolly

17 Lansdowne Ave.

Rev L.B. Bedford

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Kolkata India
July 24th 1897.

My dear Mr. Brown, L.B. Bedford

I regret very much that the enclosed Board is sent to you with the printed blank. But I was sick from the Board when we had the news of our preparations for

~~moving etc~~
~~Mrs. Bedford's illness~~
Many thanks for your words of sympathy for Mrs Bedford's recent illness. She just recently returned from the Home Hospital where she had an operation ~~operation~~. Considering this ~~her~~ operation in three years she feels it telling on her health & sincerely hopes

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American Mission

Kolhapur, S. M. C.
India

July 26th, 1897

To

Miss Esther Eaton

The E. C. Walker & Co. San Francisco

136 Fifth Avenue

New York City

Dear Mr. Brown:

From Mrs. Eaton. The first of June found all our station members at their posts and we had welcomed Mr. Edgar Wilson to our station and very soon gave him the charge of the Super. Ind. School.

There were under what we have

ever had to do in our station was carrying out the order of the Board in cutting our appropriations for 1897 and 1898. In making our estimates in November 1896 we had carefully gone over all the work and made our estimates very closely so that there was no margin on any work. We began with mission work, station work,

and then cut out most of the non-Christian
teachers; and finally none of the Christian
teachers, (the Board had already cut out the
100 rupees asked for expenses of the day-
school), and then the school allowance
for clothing in the girls' training school
was cut out. I was taken to have that
allowance left in order to meet the extra
expenses in food this year. The amount
of 67 rupees was for a rubber, in July 1901
I went with goods at the rate of 17 seers
for a rubber. And at this time I
bought a small amount of rice at 1 anna
to be eaten this year. I got only 6 annas
for 50 quints for a rubber.
We have an allowance for 40 girls a
month now 49 annas and this coming the end
of this week. All above the 40 are exp-
ended in school in the maintenance of
the school and the situation of the
24th M. M. N. T. S. S.
There are 10 day scholars in the school

been giving work, of carrying stones and earth
to fill up the holes in the compound, to the
beggars who come to us daily in large
numbers.

31 Sister, Mr. Harrison and the pastor,
Mr. ... have been very busy since
they left with the Industrial Association.
They are ...

Sister Mr. ... the City,
of English-speaking Bohemians many of
whom used to attend our Mission High
School. Sister ... a tour
... with ... instruction, and she
hoped the class will soon number 25 or 30.

Mr. ... is busy with the Bible
classes in the ... school and
... of the girls. ...
... Church ... the
over girls who are assistant teachers in
the school.

Sister ... the class of ...
... the ... to ...
... with ...
... home-mothers, ...
... , a

and most of them are doing well in their studies.

6 The Pastor, Shivanamji, has just been called to mourn the death of a son, a child about $2\frac{1}{4}$ years old. He had been ill some time with cold and fever and vomiting some much, better but died suddenly last night.

Fig: "The health of the community of this station is good with the exception of Mr. Hanu who had fever recently, but he is all cured.

The "stresses and strains" of the times: the plague, its scarcity, the famine stricken coming such numbers for help, the Ponda troubles, the threats of the seditions against the rulers, the unrest among the people generally, cannot but have an effect upon us along with the strain of our regular work; but we all remember that God is our refuge and strength, "under His shadow we dwell among the branches" and our prayer is that His will may be done in and through each one of His servants here.

Enclosed are

(Miss) Catherine (Ellen)

me

Outfit

17 Lansdowne Ave.

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DR. BROWN.

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Toronto, Canada

July 26th 1897.

Rev. A. J. Brown D.D.

156 Fifth Ave. New York

John J. J. J.

My dear Dr Brown,

I wrote to M. Hand 10 days ago with reference to outfit allowance and in answer he reminds me of paragraph 9 of the Manual which reads—"As a rule, no second outfit is allowed"—but adds, that—"should you feel the necessity of asking for an outfit allowance, kindly write to Dr. Brown in regard to it."

I am sure if I did not think an outfit allowance necessary I would not have written concerning it, for I feel that the present is not a time for one to try

how much to get from a Mission Treasury but rather to get along with as little as possible.

I did have a little money saved during the last few years but unfortunately have it tied up in real estate which I am unable at present to sell although I have been trying to do so.

I would also say that when we first went to India, we did not draw on the Treasurers for the usual amount of outfit & passages. The sum then paid us being \$450 which did not wholly cover our passage.

I need say nothing more about this matter and so leave it with you knowing you will do what is right.

Yours very truly,
John Jolly.

Rev. J. H. Seiler

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Kolhapur, S. M. C. India
Aug. 4. 1897

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Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown
Sec. N. Y.

J. H. Seiler

My Dear Dr. Brown:-

Your letter about the question of a longer term for Missionaries, & some way by which retrenchment may be effected came several weeks ago, and the circular letter from all the Secretaries & each Missionary advising contributions from the fields towards liquidating the Board debt, came last Saturday. These will be discussed at our station meeting next Monday, no doubt, but I will write a few lines today.

~~Contribution~~ I began lately to send \$5 monthly to the Board, but ~~5 monthly~~ according to the Secretaries' letter of June 16, lump sums are wanted; and soon. We shall do so as liberally as we can, though we are having constant calls for charity &c this hard year.

~~Willing~~ I think I have before intimated that I would be ~~to work~~ willing to have my salary reduced, tho' I have had a hesitancy to suggest to others that there should be a reduction all around.

~~Does not~~ I would rather something like that would be found ~~want~~ and the term remain eight years. In these days when ~~term of service lengthened~~.

we are constantly tugging up hill to make individuals and churches self-supporting. Mission work is more wearing on nerves than formerly, so (I say nothing of longing to see children at home) my opinion is that the term should not be prolonged. But I have often thought that as so many go to the U.S. before 8 or

those going even 4 years have passed, it would be desirable to have ^{some} ~~some~~ a rule that those who go home say within 3 or 4 years or before they have the language of the country, whether for illness or any other reason - should go at their own ^{ear} ~~ear~~ expense. My periods have averaged 9 years in the field.

Or, another plan I would favor would be to give ^{younger} ~~younger~~ missionaries a smaller salary the first 5 years. Much of their time is spent in learning the language and getting acquainted with the ways & modes of thinking of the people, and unless industrious, zealous and talented they are not likely to be proficient for some years.

I have opened a class of Bohmians in town for English studies (7th English or Matriculation standard) Fifteen attend, and the no. may go up to 25 or 30.

The rains are favorable now and the country here looks green. The river is very high again - We are well and cheerful.

Yrs Very Sincerely

G. H. Seiler

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India

Aug. 5th / 1897

My dear Mr. Braden; Mrs. Ferris

The Board's letter dated June 16th is received & while I deeply sympathize with you at that end of the line, we at this end find the burden terribly heavy, too.

Nonetheless the immense contributions for the relief of famine sufferers has made the receipts of the Board so alarmingly small.

I, as well as all missionaries that I know, regularly & systematically, give one tenth of my salary to help the work here, by supporting orphans, helping the widows, giving work to the willing but poor Christians and my wife into the Church Collections & Home Mission Fund.

year, when my oldest son
has gone off the allowance &
is obliged to go to work in-
stead of pursuing his education,
the demands are heavy upon
my limited purse as I must
help him, of course, not out of
my teeth but as usual out
of my own salary.

To be sure he has a place offer-
ed to him Sept. 1st in the City
in the New York Printing Co. at
\$4.⁰⁰ a week, but a young man
of eighteen can scarcely expect
to clothe himself & pay board &
lodging out of that.

I tell this all as I feel
as if my write to the Board
is indeed small but I cannot
give more.

I am enclosing
by Postal Order an amount
which I think will be about
\$5.⁰⁰ when it reaches you -
possibly a few cents more.

I would like this to be given
to the Board's General Fund or
towards the debt.

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~~Rains~~
 Our rains have been splendid
 this season until just now,
 when we are all getting a trifle
 anxious over the continuance
 down pour, which again this
 year threatens to bias the grow-
 ing grain. Toward the east-

there has been scarcely any
 rain. The beggars & needy
 & deserving poor about here
 are apparently increasing. As
 I have no funds for use among
 them, as my gifts are very
 limited, but still we are on soil
 & body to see them I refuse
 them.

~~Madhapur~~ ^{the Fair} is in a peculiar
 state of rejoicing this week.
 On July 30th there was a son
 born to our young King & while
 the son is especially welcome
 among the natives, this son
 has the honor of being born
 the first prince in the royal
 family for over forty years.
 Baba Sahib had a son in '57

or else he died in '57 at the
age of only two years. The
king dying in '66 his widow
adopted a son who was named
Rajaram went to England
& died of Pneumonia in Florence
in '70. This his widow adop-
ted one who would be called
Sivaji 3rd but he had softening
of the brain & died in '83, so
again his widow adopted the
present young king Shahu, who
is the grand father of a son.
Skrums are beating day & night
& will be kept up for twelve
days. Banners in all the
main streets; processions of
people going to the palace
to pour water over the steps
as a sign of joy & but all
who do this expect a gift
in return. The king
sent out men with elephants
horns &c to distribute the
announcement sugar to all
friends & the missionaries were
^{also} all the recipients of a plate-

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full of sugar. A tea-party
or reception to all ladies & gen-
tlemen & native Chiefs was given
this week by the King's brother
on behalf of the King or perhaps
for his own demeritation of
reigning & the King gives an-
other next week.

We rejoice that Miss Butler is
appointed to Muraj & that we
not only look for the return of
our dear friends & co-workers
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, but possibly
Mr. & Mrs. Kelly for the Industrial
Work at Sangli.

Believe me

Very sincerely
(Mrs. E. H.) Mary K. Ferris

will not take any children
except ~~last~~ ^{last} ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~more~~ ^{more} ~~going~~ ^{going}

17 Lansdowne Ave

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Toronto, Canada

Aug. 5th 1897

Rev. Arthur J. Brown D.D. *John Dwy*
156 Fifth Ave. New York

My dear Dr. Brown,

Your letter of 3rd inst.
informing me of Board's action re-outfit
matter has just been received.
In reply I would say that in view
of all the circumstances you so fully
mention, I can more fully appreciate
the difficulties under which you are
placed. We will endeavour to get
through some way or other without
the outfit and it would give us
joy if we could get our passage with-
out drawing on the Treasury if that were
possible..

I am sorry about the oversight

Salary, Mrs Mrs Jolly, Oct 15 - Apr 30, 585.

Alms, 3rd class, Sept 11 - Apr 30 286.25

Travel 695.00

Dr. A. J. and family 1566.25

aff. of. Needed 1379.00

136.75

regarding our children which has placed you under ^{still} greater difficulties, and from your mention of 3 children it would seem that you have not been informed about our family.

I wrote to Mr Hand yesterday giving full particulars about our four children and our plans concerning them. Now regarding the fourth child of which you evidently have not heard, I will say that we will reckon on no allowance for her while the Board is under such financial stress. She is now 1 year 11 months old and can be taken with us to India by any of the steam ship lines I believe without charge. The next youngest - Eva - aged 5 years we have decided to leave with her aunt in this City, so that no passage will be required for her.

I am thankful that permission
has been granted for the placing
of our Edgar and Bella in the
Hooster Home about which we
have heard so good reports.

Yours very Sincerely
John Jolly.

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Miss E. A. Foster

Presbyterian Hospital

Aug 4th 1897.

My Dear Mr Brown.

Pardon

me for not having
answered your letter-
-soon.

I have been calling
to see friends for
the past week.

"And received your
letter Friday."

"I thank you for the
kind talk + I will
think it a pleasure
to let you know
all my sorrows as
well as pleasures."

It was so kind
also to give me

the many Informations
which, I required.
I will often read it
as there are many
lessons in it which
I shall fully appreciate

I will be to New York
Monday. Hoping I can
see you before sailing.
Thanking you for all
the past kindness.

I am

Yours Very

Truly

Elizabeth A. Foster

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Murray Aug 10th /97

Rev Arthur J Brown DD

156 Fifth Ave N.Y.

My dear Dr Brown

Appointment Miss Foster Your letter announcing
the appointment of Miss Foster has been
received with joy in the mission and
especially in this station. A warm welcome
and record of work await her here.
The We also rejoice in the prospect of
all having the jolly with us again. We
shall look forward with pleasurable
expectancy to the coming of the whole
party this fall.

Gertrude Since I last wrote you a new
born gift has come to our home in
the person of Gertrude Esther Waubens
who arrived safely on the 19th of July.
Baby is thriving & Mr Waubens is recovering
though somewhat slowly.
I presume you grow tired hearing
from missionaries regarding the
big cut. With reference to the

Large work here I may say that we are
endeavouring to make ends meet although
there is still a pretty large gap to fill
up before they will be approximately equal.

Our work here is now costing considerably
more than ever to carry it on, owing
of course to its extension. Yet the actual
appropriation this year after applying
the cut, will be about what it was
when it was not much more than
half its present size. And still
we mean to manage if possible without
diminishing the quality or extent of
the work. Already we have raised
a considerable amount among the
natives to meet the deficit. A few
days ago I turned over to the
Mission Treasurer Rs 590 fees
from May 1st making over Rs 2000 in
all in the last five months & I trust
this year will be no exception to the
rule of turning all fees over to the
Board without asking to be permitted
to use part of them as we would, I
think, be justified in doing this

year for obvious reasons.

20.5.5 The letter asking for the contributions toward
the Board debt has come as a matter
of surprise to us all nevertheless
I think we all mean to do our best

already most of us have gone pretty
deeply - or will have to go - into our pockets
to make up work which we cannot
bear to have retarded or paralyzed
by the cut. I have begun to think
it time to save a little for the education
of my children - something I have
not yet been able to do heretofore. However
we have the hope that we are drawing
near to the end of cuts & debts &
must meanwhile make the best
of circumstances. The cut after
all will I think make some of us
a little more unselfish, at any rate
it will rouse us to greater zeal in
the matter of self support. Some
our native Christians I hope will
"ful" this feature this year

in the Mrs. Graham

6 Regarding ~~Mrs~~ Graham. I regret to have to write that it has been necessary for to advise her immediate return to America. The recommendation that she should return in the Spring was made largely in view of the Board's financial condition. Later, however, her nervous symptoms have become greatly exaggerated making the impracticability necessary of leaving this country without delay.

I had hoped when at Dakabishwar that she would be able to remain until the Spring but having seen her frequently since then I have become convinced that it would not be without a great deal of risk to her mind to remain longer in India. Hence the recent action of the Mission which I presume has been duly transmitted.

With cordial greetings & prayer in behalf of you all in the Brava Rooms
I am Yours in the service
Edw. Paulson

SEP 11 1897
DAVISRatnagiri, India ²³

Aug. 10. 1897.

Miss E. J. Minor

Dear Dr. Brown.

In looking back over the last two months since the last Bi Monthly letter was written, surely there is abundant reason to thank God for His goodness. During the month of June, there was but little rain, and therefore, there was much anxiety regarding the future. But July has been a record month, as there has been a rain of all of 70 inches. During this present month up to date, there has been abundant rain and unless some unforeseen circumstance should arise, the prospects are for a large crop. After hearing the sad stories of want and starvation which come from North and Central India, we should and do, thank God for His goodness to us.

^{rain} ~~but~~ ² rain ² rain has been high in price and therefore many people have been unable to have sufficient food, still we have nothing that can be called famine. With the hard times beggars have been numerous

but as several of these have shown willingness to work, it has seemed best to begin in a small way, some relief work. This has been carried on notwithstanding the rain.

Mr Erwin gave employment in his Compound to several needy women, and in our Compound Miss Jefferson has, between showers superintended some filling in and levelling of road way, as well as other much needed work. That the people who worked were pressed for food, was evident from the fact that they worked all day in the heaviest of rain. This heavy rainfall for the last six weeks has prevented much.

3 outside work such as house to house visitation, but has not been a hindrance to the school work, except in the outlying village of Ambe Seta. Much indoor work has been carried on. Most of the members of the Station have been studying Marathi with their personal teachers, some preparing for approaching examinations, and others carrying on further study on special subjects.

In addition to the conducting of the

weekly meeting for Bible study with the missionaries, Mr Erwin has carried on a meeting each Wednesday afternoon for the English people of the Station. Truly a few have come, but we trust it will be a means of great blessing. It is our great desire to be a help in the truest way, to our English friends.

~~Miss Erwin~~ Miss Rachel Erwin was transferred to this Station before the Raining Season began. She has taken charge of two of the schools since her arrival. She will be here only a short time, as she expects to leave for America on furlough during the next three months.

Balavanatarawa the helper at Bengurle and Bhivaji the helper from Ratnagiri have been spending two months in Kolhapur, attending the sessions of the Theological Class. We trust they will return greatly benefitted by their studies and be ready for more efficient service for the Master.

Our Christian community has been increased by the arrival from Kolhapur

of a Christian carpenter with his wife and children. Some years ago he had lived here and as work failed in Kollahaly he came back here. He has rented a house in the bazar, and is independent and working at his trade. Already he has obtained work and has good prospects. We shall rejoice to see him prosper, and trust that his example at home, and at work among the heathen may commend Jesus Christ to the people. *

~~Contributions~~ ^{at} a Church meeting held to consider from what help might be given in view of the cut in the appropriations, our Christian ~~Christians~~ decided to give 140 Rupees before the close of

1897. The Christian community is small, but we felt that they had made a good beginning and trust that their contributions can be increased before the close of the fiscal year.

There has been no serious sickness in the Station during the Rainy Season, though Mr and Mrs Bavin are both showing the need of a change.

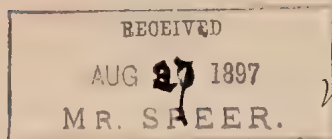
Our hearts have been saddened because of the Church action which was

necessary in the case of two members, Sudoastiva
and his wife Chanderabai. He was dismissed
from the Church on the charge of adultery
and his wife was suspended. They are
still in our Christian community, and we
pray that they may be led to true repentance
and be received in Church fellowship.

The Church ^{preaching} service and prayer meetings
have been carried on as usual by Mr. Twin.
Some persons have shown special interest
and we are praying for them. One man
hope to be baptized soon.

Yours in the Master's service.
Emily T. Wilson.

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Veldre

Aug. 14th
1897

My dear Dr. Laharee -

My wife and I have talked and prayed very much about the Board's propositions.

Love for our Board leads us to desire to help as far as possible in this time of crisis, but the Lord seems to lead us into the Seminary work. We have prayed about this for a year and a half. It was the crisis in our Theological Seminaries which so strongly appealed to us when we decided to leave India, and the impression deepens that the Holy Spirit wants me to enter this line of work. It is a most difficult undertaking. We hope that you and the other Secretaries will help us with your prayers and

with your counsel.

We learn from two or three different sources that Mr. Wishard is practically willing to undertake the financial work for our Board. He has not written me to this effect and has no idea that I am communicating with you about this matter; but I have reason to believe that he could be secured, and I am convinced that he would do a strong work.

Will you please bring the inclosure before the Board. You asked me to apply to the Board for a release in case I took up the Seminary work.

Also please find inclosed a statement concerning the Poona Days of Prayer, which you wished me to

prepare for you. Please make such use of it as you think best.

My wife and the little ones are doing well. We hope to sail for New York next month. I had a sharp attack of fever at the Scandinavian Students Conference in Denmark, but am better now.

Please pray for the Student Volunteer Conference in Stockholm Aug. 29-31. It is the first one held in Scandinavia.

With our united kind regards to yourself, Dr. Ellinwood, Dr. Gillespie and Mr. Hand, I am

Yours affectionately
Robert O. Wilder -
Parkveien 15,
Christiania,
Norway.

To the (Wilder) + 2
Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
through the Rev Benjamin Latrobe, D.D.
My wife and I would respectfully
apply to the Board for a release from
its service, said release to take effect from
March 1st, 1897. We hope to resume our
relations with the Board again in
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work in the Theological Seminaries.....
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Northfield in 1897, and (iii) To attend
the third Convention of the Student
Volunteer Movement in the early part
of 1898. When this call ^{came} to me I
dismissed it, as a similar call from

To the (Widow) + £
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Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
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Volunteer Movement in the early part
of 1898. When this call ^{came} to me I
dismissed it, as a similar call from

the British Volunteers had been dismissed. (iii) My mother and sister expect to go home. You may remember that the British Student Volunteer Movement urged me to go to the Liverpool Convention, offering to pay my expenses, and to plan a tour among their students. India has such a hold upon me, and the work here is so encouraging & needy that both these calls were declined; but the Student Volunteer Movement of America urges me to reconsider their call..... after much prayer we feel led to accept this second call from America.---

(i) Salary.--- It is my desire that the Board should have no expense from the time we leave India until we return to India.

(ii) My wife's condition is such that it will be most providential if she can have the bracing air of Norway during June, July and August.

on furlough this Spring. It would be very nice if I could accompany mother part if not all the way to America. (iv) Mr. Eddy and Mr. Frank Anderson have arrived and can take over my share of the work in the Student Volunteer Movement of India and Ceylon. Both have had great experience in connection with the American and British Movements.

----- The only matter which causes me some hesitation is this, that we have not time to hear from the Board or our Brooklyn church before securing passage. The reasons are these. In the first place, the Doctor says it would not be safe for my wife to sail later than early in March; and secondly, the steamships are piling up so rapidly, that should we wait for a cablegram from New York before engaging passage, in all

probability there would be no places vacant in any steamer. The usual time for leaving India is the Spring; so that in an ordinary year even, passages must be secured some time in advance; but this year is an extraordinary year owing to the Plague, and there seems to be a larger exodus from India than usual. The P. and O. for early in March is already full; but we have secured passage on the "Imperator", Austrian Lloyd, second class. This is cheaper than second class P. and O. Will you please bring as much of this letter as you think best before the Board. It is my hope that the leaders of the Student Volunteer Movement will have presented their request to the Board before this letter reaches you, and have secured its approval. We shall be responsible for our travelling expenses."

after we had reached a decision. I sent a cablegram to Mr. Matt so that he might communicate with the Secretaries of the Board without delay.

I do not mention here the reasons given by the Student Volunteer leaders for our helping the Movement at this crisis, since these reasons have been so fully presented to the Secretaries of the Board by Mr. John R. Matt and Rev. Harlow P. Beach of the Student Volunteer Movement, and by Prof. J. R. Stevenson of the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance, also by myself in conversation with Dr. Labaree.

We are happy to state that the work in Poona is being carried on during our absence by Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bailey without any expense to the Board. We thank God for allowing us the privilege of labouring in

connection with the Board of our own
beloved church, and we look forward
eagerly to the time when we shall, God
willing, resume our much loved work
in India.

I am,

very faithfully Yours
Robert P. Wilder,

Aug. 14th
1897.

Veldre, Norway.

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Western India Mission, 20

Sangli, August 17th, 1897.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D., Secretary,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

Return Mrs. Graham to U.S. In your letter of June 15th, addressed to the Mission in reference to our action asking an appropriation for the return of Mrs. Graham to the United States in the spring of 1898, you wrote as follows, " We earnestly hope that Mrs. Graham is not ill, and we assume that she is not, otherwise you certainly would have sent us a medical certificate, while the return itself could hardly have been postponed until spring." Dr. Wanless would have given Mrs. Graham a medical certificate and sent her home at once when the action was taken to ask for an appropriation for her to return in the spring, but I would not consent to it. I knew that the Board was embarrassed by a heavy debt, I was aware that the Executive Officers oftentimes felt and not without reason that appropriations are asked for unnecessarily, I did not want her to go, and I hoped that if her return were postponed until spring it would find her in such improved health and spirits that she could remain until the time for the regular furlough came, and so against the advice of the physician and the remonstrances of other missionary friends I refused my consent to her being sent home. It was with reluctance that I made the motion to ask for a special appropriation, but I did so thinking that in the first place the hope of going home in the spring would

have a beneficial effect and there might be such an improvement before the answer of the Board could be received that a refusal, which I anticipated, would not only be acquiesced in but even contribute to further improvement. My hope has not been realized. You would understand from what I have already written, even if Dr. Wanless had not advised you in reference to the matter as I suppose he has, that Mrs. Graham is now and long has been suffering from extreme nervousness. I have had to yield and consent to her return to America. Mission action has been taken allowing her to go home as soon as arrangements can be made for the journey. The motion authorizing the return was carried by the unani-

mous vote of the mission. As Dr. Wanless' remarks on this Motion were brief, I will quote them in full. Here is what he says, "Mrs. Graham's

health is growing progressively worse. A further stay in this country may be fraught with serious results. I recommend her immediate return to America."

Dr. Wanless told me privately that there was not only the certainty of her being a nervous wreck physically, but there was also great danger, if she remained here longer, of her mind losing its balance as well. What could I do at last but say for her to go? For more than a year she has been grieving and worrying about our children at home incessantly. When she gets to them again I hope she will be better immediately. She leaves Bombay by the P. & O. Co's S. S. Caledonia, sailing on the 20th inst. I hope she will make close connection with the steamer that is to take her to New York and reach there a full week before the end of September. With kind regards,

Yours fraternally, J. P. Graham

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Sure Mrs Graham
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- (1) Mrs. Graham's health is growing progressively worse. A further stay in this country may be fraught with serious results. I recommend her immediate return to America. (Signed, W.J. Wanless, Mirag, July 23rd, 1897).
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- (2) Moved:- That Mrs. Graham be allowed to return to the United States as soon as it is possible to make arrangements for the journey. (Mover, J.P. Graham; Seconder, W.J. Wanless, Sangli, July 23rd, 1897).

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17 Lansdowne Ave..



Toronto, Canada

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Aug 18th - 1897

George J. Garrison Esq.

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156 Fifth Ave, New York.

John Kelly

My dear Mr. Garrison,

In answer to yours
of the 11th inst I would say that the
full name of our youngest child is
(Allie Viola Jean. born Sept. 6th
1895.)

I cannot yet set the date of
our sailing from New York, but
if possible we wish to get away on
the 11th Sept. I hope to be in your
city for a day or two & have the pleasure
of meeting you and the other friends
Thanking you for good wishes I remain
Cordially Yours
John Kelly

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Debt-

Kollhapur, India

(Aug. 25-1897)

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

E. G. L. L. L.

Dear Dr. Brown,

Many thanks for your letter telling of meeting my father and congratulating us on our wedding.

It is very pleasant to be remembered occasionally in an unofficial way, and especially appreciated from one who I know has so little time for general correspondence.

Contribution to About contributing to the debt-
Board Kindly deduct \$5 from my salary for
debt five (5) months beginning with November
total of \$25. E. G. L. 8

I appreciate the Board's difficulty but I think they could hardly expect much of me India this year. It gives to the Board it means much less for the famine; and now that the famine has become an old story and the public mind has turned to new sensation it will doubtless be harder to get money though it is still greatly

needed. You know ^{4p} of course that
scarcity our Mission has no famine (unless it
be at Kodoli) but only a great scarcity
which hounds our people
in a variety of ways. You can judge
of our scarcity when I say that the
King of Kolhapur is feeding several
hundred people.

But our neighboring mission - the
American Marathi has the famine (ind.
) enclose a note from Mr. Wilson ac-
knowledging a small gift which
speaks for itself.

Sincerely

Edgar M. Wilson

Mr. Wilson joins me in kindest regards.

Brur Aug 21-87

Dear Mr. Wilson

Many many
thanks for your thought-
-ful & kind gift.

Truly acceptable
yours.

We have just this morning
400 people at the con-
ference, & are distributing
bibles. We are accepting
of a large number of
donations, & are feeling
greatly encouraged. We are
feeling that we are
doing good.

~~Received~~
Kalkaji India

13 September 1897

Rev'd H. Brown, D.D.

Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions,
New York.

Dear Dr. Brown:

H. H. Hannum

Allow me to
communicate to you the following action of the
Western India Mission:

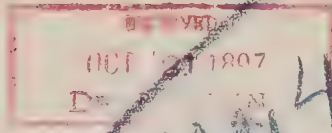
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return to the United States as soon as it is
possible to make arrangements for the journey."

The motion was declared carried on 5th August.

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remarks made on the motion by Dr. Wanless:

"Mrs. Graham's health is growing progressively
worse. A further stay in this country may be
fraught with serious results. I recommend her
immediate return to America."

Respectfully Yours,
William H. Hannum.



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Kolhapur, India
Sept 23. 1897

Rev. Arthur J. Brown D.D.

Sec. 156. 5th Ave. N. Y.

My Dear Dr Brown:

Black & reserve In a few days it will be time for me to write you a bi-monthly station letter, so I will not say much now.

I have received Funds for Statistical Reports & thanks.

the ... hard ... this ... has ... my ... moving I must own that the cause of Native Self-Support according to last year's Rules & Principles is not prospering much this year. This has been such a hard year that many or most of the people have had to be given relief work, and must be helped especially a month yet. After a long break that was causing anxiety, the "latter rain" has come, and the crops look promising, thank God.

Plague spreading Annual Meeting south It begins to look doubtful whether we can hold our Annual Meeting, at least in the near future, as the plague is spreading towards Sangli & Miraj, and the Political Agent here is so determined to keep the pestilence out of this city if possible, that he is pressing us harder and harder either to postpone the meeting indefinitely or for some time at least. He has

that some one or more of the 40 or more persons (including servants or helpers) who come here may bring germs of the pestilence and it may break out here, and he is enforcing quarantine rules so rigorously that it interferes much with our plans, and we can scarcely go to Miraj even, on important business. It is true the plague is spreading in this direction and is very virulent in Karat. 40 mi N. But there is room for discrimination, nevertheless.

Robbed Several weeks ago I spent a night with the Deshpis
355- at Fodoli, and that same night my house here was broken
Rupees into by robbers, and my trunk with all its contents
etc. including 355 Rupees was taken out thro' a window &
carried to a quarry $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away and forced open
rifles and thrown into the quarry. Cloth was also stolen
from a box of Miss Patton's. No certain clue yet. The
money was from Mr. Winsor of the A. B. C. F. M. to
purchase grain here for famine stricken. He had sent
Rs 500 and I had bought about Rs 150 grain for him.

Yours sincerely
J. W. Seiber

Mrs. Seiber P.S. Mrs. S. and 2 of the children were ill
late. This month is a risky season here.
all well now

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Rodoli

Sept. 4. 1877.

Rev. C. J. Brown L. L.
156 Fifth Ave -
New York.

I hear Mr. Brown. - Rodoli's Brown

Thank you for your -
letter of October 30. 1876. You seem
to enter into the details of our -
missionaries' lives with such a
kindly sympathy and insight
that a letter from you always
brings cheer and comfort. We
have had full need too of your
sympathy and prayer during
this year of pressing needs in
India. You know them well from
others, and you know too how in
consequence of the cut we are
ourselves picking out the the...

that our work may not suffer. Since
the ~~man's~~ letter asking for help in
sisting the west caused deep & hard
thinking. The result of my thinking I have
enclosed in a note which you will kindly
send to Mr. Hand.

~~14th, 1891~~ ~~14th, 1891~~ ~~14th, 1891~~ ~~14th, 1891~~ ~~14th, 1891~~
hoping to remain ~~permanently~~ - the ~~mission~~
is going ~~on~~, ~~our~~ ~~mission~~ the
Mission Compound is greatly improved -
roads etc. tho we had no mission
appropriations, our pockets furnished some
eight or nine hundred Rupees during the last
three months. Our Christians have been
tried over ~~the~~ ~~worst~~ and ~~our~~ ~~water~~ ~~will~~
come soon, the crops will be good - ~~the~~
looming famine now. Our native ~~tribe~~ is
holding on & holding out. My school for
Mang girls had its best average last month, 23.
Fifty one ~~now~~ on Relief work but as the roll changes
occasionally, we give help to many more than
that number. Though Lague ~~case~~ ~~is~~ ~~at~~
some 20 miles away, there is little sickness in Kodali.

We trust daily for Keating, and with Miss Sherman & I
have been remarkably well, tho feeling the heat somewhat
in our small & unglazed. Hoping ~~in~~ some day may visit
the little ~~at~~ St. ~~John~~. I am Sincerely for W. Addie Brown

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DR. BROWN.

Kolhapur. India

Oct. 8. 1897.

Rev. A. J. Brown.

156. Fifth Avenue

New York.

Dear Dr. Brown

Mrs. E. S. Wilson

Your note of welcome was received May last; and I thank you very much for the cordial welcome you gave me on behalf of the Board. - I ask you to forgive my long delay in answering your note.

Thank you very much for your prayers for Mr. Wilson and myself.

The Kolhapur Station gave into my charge a girls day school, which I visit from time to time. There have also been openings into

some houses near to the school,
and some of the people seem glad
to hear the Gospel message.

One longs to see these people come
out in greater numbers and
confess Jesus as their Saviour.

You doubtless know
that Mr. Wilson and I are
living in the same bungalow
with Mr. and Mrs. Hannum.

It is a great privilege and help
spiritually to live with the
Hannums. Praying that God
will bless you in your labours for Him.

Yours very sincerely in the
Masters service

Kate Wilson

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Kolhapur, India
Oct 14 1897

Rev. A. J. Brown D. D.

Secy to N.Y.

Dear Dr Brown:

NOV 23 1897
DR. BROWN.

G. W. Zeller

Since the last bi-monthly

letter was written, communications have been received dated July 31, and Aug. 6. Estimate and Statistical Report forms have been received. We shall be glad to welcome Mr and Mrs Goheen, also Mr & Mrs Jolly and Miss Foster, who are expected at the end of this month. We hope we shall find that Mr Goheen has quite recovered his health, as the burdens and perplexities of the work, especially in these days, require a good constitution. We will be careful to assign him work that will be most suitable to his state.

2 You have doubtless had personal letters from this station in answer to the letter of June 16. from the Officers of the Board. I hope the Donations that have been sent will help materially to swell the gifts of from the Secretaries, Clerks and Missions of the Board, and will contribute to an enthusiastic feeling in the churches. I hope the good people at home will bear in mind that we have been hampered in contributing

by the many urgent calls for help here this hard year, and we have been supporting work that otherwise would have been suspended.

3 The action of the Board on July 19 re traveling expenses of Missionaries not provided for in the regular appropriations were not worked. I think, by any irregular proceedings on the part of this station, and the same may be said with reference to purchasing property & without the Board's sanction.

4 Various circumstances have combined this year, and especially of late, to create some confusion in our missionary work. Relief-work for the poor and ~~and~~ famine-stricken has still to be devised and overseen. Mr. Wilson has often had more than a hundred men & women at work, and the other missionaries have employed many men women & children, paying them chiefly out of funds sent by Mr. and Miss Wilder, Mr. Gohem, Rev. Geo. Lambert (a Commissioner sent here from U.S. for famine relief, Iowa C. E. Society &c. This benevolent work has required much of our time, as accounts have to be kept, monies paid out daily or weekly & clothing bought & distributed to the most wretched. Mrs. Seiber and I had grain bought with Mr. Wilder's funds, stored up which we measured out and sold to our native Christians at cost. Thefts in our houses have also interfered with

the even tenor of our Missiary operations, as we have had to listen to the pleas and angry utterances of suspected persons, attend the Magistrate's or Police court.

4 During my absence at Kodoli the night of Sept 1. my trunk with Rs 355 that I had just received, was stolen from the house, and the money has not been recovered.

5 Also, there has been a long correspondence between Mr Wilson of our Arrangements Committee and Col. Wray Political Agent, who insisted that our Mission should postpone our annual meeting, fearing that Missiaries or servants coming here from other stations in plague-infected cars might introduce the pestilence here, we yielded to his wish not to meet at the Conventorium (Panhola) and now a motion is going around proposing postponement of the meeting (which was to open Oct 21) until the President would call us together. Now we do not know when and where we shall meet! The plague is getting near D'angli and Miraj, and possibly it will be more difficult for us to meet two or three months hence than now, quarantine being very strict. I presume most of the men of the Mission will arrange to meet some where in Dec. or Jan.

6 This has been a hard year to rescue our Nevins Principles to practice; yet we think the thin end of the wedge has been inserted, and the progress towards complete self-support.

is slow, the intelligent members of the Church seem to appreciate the duty of the poorest to cultivate at least the spirit of self-improvement. The rains have been favourable, and the outlook for a large crop is good, & in a month we hope some of our Christians will get good harvests.

Since the last bi-monthly letter was written, I think there has been only one adult baptism; several others might have been baptized, but their motives at this time are questionable. The girls boarding school and the principal vernacular schools are flourishing as usual.

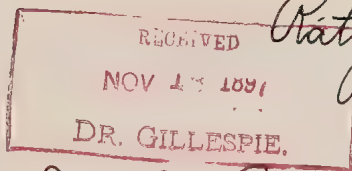
7 Mr Wilson assists me in teaching English to a class of Brahmans which I opened several months ago. Late in August we commenced a course of weekly English lectures for the benefit of this class and their English-speaking friends and in connection with the Y. M. C. A. Mr Hammond has joined us in this enterprise. Mr Wilson reports increasing interest in the weekly Question-box exercises, the Y. M. C. A. room being full sometimes.

I have lately been visiting and preaching in surrounding villages (as the rain is not incessant now), sometimes taking the train to one of the R. R. stations.

Yours Truly
G. W. Seiler.

Hotel - H. L.

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Ratnagiri, India -
Bombay Presidency -
Oct. 16, 1897.

Dear Dr. Brown:-

By the time this reaches you I hope to be on my way to England and from there to the United States. I sail Nov. 10th in the S.S. "America" of the Anchor Line. So far, I have not been ^{able} to find out with what steamer I can connect (Anchor Line) at Glasgow, but think that it will be in the one sailing Dec. 16th. In case I can find out the name of my Atlantic steamer and exact date of sailing, I will write you again. But if not I will send you a cablegram if it seems necessary. If I send you a cablegram, please send my brother Rev. W. B. Swin, Steubenville, Ohio, word.

in time for him to meet me in New York
I will be all alone.

Hoping to see you face to face
soon -

I remain

Yours Sincerely
Rachel Brown.

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Western India Mission.

Sangli, October 22nd, 1897.

Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D. D., Secretary,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

I am in receipt by the last mail of your letter of September 20th, enclosed in the same cover with one of the same date to the Mission, advising us of the action of the Board approving of Mrs. Graham's return to the United States. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me a separate letter and thank you very much for your kind words of sympathy. It was a severe trial to have Mrs. Graham go, and it would have added to it in no slight degree had her return not met with the approval of the Board. I have not heard from her direct since she left England, and all the information concerning her I have had is that contained in your letter that she arrived at New York on Saturday September 18th and started for Wooster on the following Monday. The next foreign mail is due at Bombay tomorrow at daylight and I am anxiously waiting the word it will bring me from Wooster.

Mr. Jelly and family have not yet reached India and we are expecting to see them until the last of next week or the first of the week following. We shall give them a hearty welcome when they come.

The plague is increasing where it has long been and it is slowly but surely spreading to new fields. It has been bad for some time in atown but 10 miles from us. The boarding school with its 70 pupils increases our anxiety. Yours cordially,

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Montclair, N. J.

Oct. 29th 1897

My dear Speer -

Welcome back to America! I should like to meet you tomorrow were it not that I must go to Princeton for meetings.

The inclosure explains itself. I shall pray that you may be led to New Brunswick if such be His will, since this is a wonderful opportunity to reach the members of the Eastern District Inter-Sem. Miss. Alliance. The territory of this district contains about forty Seminaries.

My mother, sister and wife join me in kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Speer.

Yours prayerfully
Robert E. Wilder
26 St. Luke's Place,
Montclair, N. J.

P.S. Please pray very especially for me tomorrow evening and Sunday at dear old Princeton

Quinta Street, en route to Panchala

Oct 29th 1897.

Dear Dr. Brown

My thanks for writing the Station bi-monthly Letter came over on Oct 10th while we were yet in Ratnagiri, but on account of Mrs Davis's illness I could not write. Here we are in a Quarantine Station in the mountains & the air is very bracing after Ratnagiri. I take pleasure in informing you that recently Ratnagiri Church has responded to the call & voted Rs 155 towards mission work for the coming year (which will appear in our Estimate); that we have the near prospect of securing a portion of the Govt Forest Reserve bordering on the seashore near Ratnagiri, between the Fort & the town of Mirya, for a cemetery, by the recommendation to the Bombay Government of Mr Dns the Collector; that just as we were starting to come here on our way to the Decan for Mission Meeting we meet Vitalbas, a man who had recently come from Brughur with the intention of being baptized; & that two cases of members bring under discipline, one doing well, one having been restored and the other much improved, while a third who was excommunicated seems to be somewhat better for his sin. The famine conditions also seem to have improved with the rains & first harvest, and our famine people went away before we left, looking much happier.

Just now we are having discussion about the time place & manner of Mission Meeting on account of plague & the activities of the Govt Agent in Kolhapur, and on account of the

Jefferson will probably remain in the Station.

My Sister, Miss Rachel Davis, is just about to sail for America on her furlough, thus leaving Rattragiri with one less worker.

We have practically decided as a Station, to abandon our School at Aimbiseta, on account of its smallness & the lack of interest among the people in it and to employ the Christian Master Ramchandrasa Jaisingade in the Compound School & in a new Reading Class in connection with it for the famine people.

With the request that you will give Rattragiri Station the benefit of your personal interest & prayers, I remain

Yours cordially
J. H. Davis

In writing refers to
children in Model

Sangli

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S.M.C.

India

Nov. 5th 1897

Rev. Arthur J. Brown D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

My dear Dr. Brown,

We arrived here safely
after a pleasant voyage and were
heartily welcomed back to Sangli by
Mr and Miss Graham and the school
boys.

We enjoyed the company of the Escelsteyne
family on the Atlantic and for a day
in Glasgow where we left them all well.

We were all sick for two days on
the Atlantic and again while crossing
the Bay of Biscay we had two days sea
sickness. We experienced no really bad
weather although the ship rolled a great
deal with very little sea.

Letters awaiting us in Bombay told us of the spread of the plague in this part of the country and that the Annual Mission Meeting could not be held at the usual time on account of the quarantine regulations in force especially in the Kolhapur State. Mr & Mrs Coheen were given a pass by the Political Agent at Kolhapur which enabled them to go right through. Other passengers are required to go into quarantine for 10 days at the border of the State where there is no accommodation provided for Europeans & very little for natives.

The plague seems to be on the increase and is spreading in every direction but so far no cases are reported in Sangli or Miraj or Kolhapur.

There are 68 boys in the ~~boys~~ school ~~on~~ the Compound here & many of them are small boys, and as the dormitory is close to the main road where travellers are continually going to & fro, we are somewhat anxious about the boys. The dormitory is altogether too small for so many and if plague should break out it will be a very serious matter.

The dormitory should be enlarged at once and besides another small house put up where sick boys could be taken as soon as any symptoms are noticed.

At present when all the boys are laid down to sleep they just about cover the floors of the rooms

and when any of them are sick it is very bad both for the sick one & those lying close to him on the floor.

I wish some one who can spare \$1500 would give it for this very necessary improvement to the Christian boys school.

I am very glad to be able to tell you that the machinery & tools in the industrial school building, are in very fair condition, very much better than I expected after lying idle so long. I will get the place put in order and any damage repaired soon & so make ready for work.

Mrs Jolly as well as the rest of us stood the journey well and I hope we will all keep well in this land for many years to come. I remain sincerely Yours
John Jolly.

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American Presbyterian Mission in Western India

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DR. GILLESPIE.

WILLIAM H. HANNUM

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Kolhapur
Ratnagiri, (Bombay), India 11 December 1897

Dear Dr. Brown:

W. H. Hannum

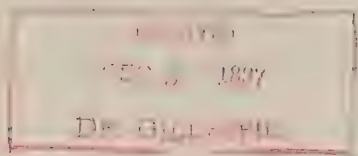
1- Let me acknowledge your kind letter of 29th June. I communicated your message to the Indian brethren through Pastor Divanrajaji. We were all pleased with your commendation. I thank you also for your note of 17th September and for the circular of 16th June.

2- As to the Wiederkehr action of which I enclose advice, I know that you will regret its necessity as I do. Our little Robert is down now with one of his frequent attacks of fever.

On the authority of this action we expect to engage passage soon, for as you know better rates can be secured by booking in advance. Yet I shall hope for notice of the Board's action before we leave Kolhapur. I am sorry to ask anything like a special appropriation, yet in the emergency I must request that financial provision be made in good time for our journey.

Yours Sincerely,

William H. Hannum.



Kolhapur India

11 November, 1897

Rev. H. Brown, D.D.

Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions,
New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

Allow me to
communicate to you the following action of
the Western India Mission:

"Moved: That the Board be requested to
permit Mr. Hannum and family to go to
America on furlough in advance of the
regular time, on account of the health of
the family, leaving the field about March
1st, '98."

The motion was declared carried on 10th inst.
I enclose you a copy of the medical certificate,
by Dr. Hanless, which accompanied the motion
in its circulation for votes.

Respectfully Yours,
William H. Hannum,

Secretary.

Copy

20 h.

In view of the fact that the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Hannum falls due at the end of next year I hereby recommend that the Mission request the Board to allow Mr. and Mrs. Hannum and their child, Robert Henry, to return to America next Spring, for the following reasons.

1st Mrs. Hannum's condition requires the performance of an important surgical operation. Mrs. Hannum for some months has expected that I would perform the necessary operation, but after careful study of her case I have concluded that there is much to be gained by securing the performance of the operation in the home climate. In view of this therefore and the fact that Mrs. Hannum's future health will depend largely upon the success of the operation and since the wait of a few months from now until spring will probably do no harm, I think Mrs. Hannum ought to have the benefit of what gain there will be in having her operation done at home where it can undoubtedly be more safely and successfully performed.

2nd Rob't Henry is suffering from a form of chronic sore throat and stomach trouble

which will be greatly benefited by a change
home.

W. J. Wanless.

Miraj. Oct. 22nd '97.

Correct copy.

William H. Hannum, Secretary.



Kolhapur, India, S.M.C.
100-15th 1897.
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Rev A. J. Brown, D.D.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

I fully intended writing by last week's mail, but was too busy. I now write to say that we arrived here safe Oct 31st and received a very warm welcome back from all our dear Christian people, not to say anything of the dear Missionaries who are stationed at Sangli, Miraj and Kolhapur. We have not seen those who are in the Pankala & Ratnagiri Stations, but have had warm letters of welcome from them also. Now that we are back it seems almost like a dream that we have been at home. I need scarcely say we are both thankful to be back again. We had a fairly comfortable passage all the way from N. J. to Bombay, but being poor sailors we have not yet fully recovered from the ^{seasickness &} fatigue of the long voyage. Mrs Goheen was miserable all of last week but is feeling better.

I have managed to keep on my feet but felt weak & tired. I had two services yesterday & didn't feel any more tired than I did last Sabbath after only one service, so I think I am getting rested. Messrs. Deiler & Hannum have gone out touring & the native pastor is ill, so it fell to my lot to preach. Miss Patton is very tired so M^{rs} Goheen has persuaded her to go away for 10 days rest & she is taking her place. M^{rs} Hannum is far from well & their little boy has had high fever since we arrived. I dare say you know they have been ordered home in March. We hear M^{rs} Bruin has been ill, but is convalescing at Panchala. The past year has been a very trying one on all the brethren, what with famine, plague &c. The crops are very good so we look upon the famine as over. But the plague is still raging over the Bombay Presidency & coming nearer us daily. But we feel safe in our Heavenly Father's care. The Annual Mission meeting was not held at the usual time as the ^{Govt} Authorities forbade it. It is not yet known when it will be held. Meanwhile we are occupying Miss Patton's room & doing what we can to help with the work. Pray for us & for India.

Fraternally yours. J. M. Goheen.

C. E. ...

Additional "Gospel" ...

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B. a. a. r. B. h. o. g. a. u. m.
India, Nov 24, 1897.

Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown,

New York, N. Y.

My Dear Dr. Brown:

1 - Miss Brown & I are
touring from this place
being located, about 18 miles
west of Kolhapur & 2.5 miles
from Kodoli. We are, as it
were, on the very border of
the jungle. Wild figs, jackals,
monkeys are frequent
visitors in the neighborhood
& the King of Kolhapur killed
a large tiger about seven
miles from here last week.
We have been here just
two weeks, during which
time we have visited 27
villages & walked not less
than 75 miles. The only
wagon road in this region

is a very rough one from
Kolhapur + extending through
to Ratnagiri ^{district} + as few villages
are near the road we are
obliged to walk. The pastor
of the Kodoli church + his
brother are with us so we
feel quite at home. We hope
to make this tour about
5 weeks long + make one
or two more after Christmas.

Until last year, when
Mr. Hannum + Mr. Tedford
were here with the magic
lantern, no missionary had
toured here for years. I
believe we are the first
white ladies to visit these
villages. The people in
many places are really
afraid of us. In one place
they thought we had come
to cut out their livers. In
some villages they imagine
us to be ~~evil~~ servants come

to seize them + carry them
away by force. It is decidedly
discouraging to walk for
6 or 8 miles over a rough
path to some village only
to see the women seize their
children + run for a hiding
place + even the men
called suddenly out of town.
The few who dare to sit
+ listen seem listless + hardly
seem to understand the
preaching even of our native
preachers. Then there is the
long walk back in the
sun. The remedy for
this however is not to give
up but to go often so that
the people will know that
we come on a good errand.

There are bright experiences
as well. Last week we
learned that a man who
heard us in another village
went home + told his wife.

that we read the true God
was Jesus who had a second
name (Christ) that he could
not remember. There are
almost no readers in this
region but we try to leave
at least one gospel & some
tracts in each place.

2- The work in Modoli still
moves on. During the last
mission year 33 adults were
received into the church &
12 have been added since.
This makes a total of 67
since Jan. '96. The school
work has been encouraging
during the rains. Miss
Brown & I together have had
some 60 girls in our school
& have enjoyed our work
more than ever before.

The plague still continues
& is uncomfortably near Miraj
& Sangli.

Yours Sincerely,
J. H. Sherman.

American Mission.

Kolhapur. S. MC.

India

Nov 25th 1897

Dear Dr Brown

Will you please
get for me an American
edition of the revised
series? Please get
good type and a
plain cloth binding.

As soon as you

send it and can
tell me the price.
I shall send you
the money by post
office order.

The English Chaplain
has asked me
to send for it for
him and through
I am sorry to trouble
you still I think
this will be the
best way.

He is anxious to
get it as soon as
possible.

He said nothing about
size but please send
me the size of
our ordinary extra
size.

Yours very sincerely
(w) Esther Patton

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Personal.

Montclair, N. J.
Nov. 27th 1897

My dear Speer-

Yesterday I called to see you in your office at 156 Fifth Ave. but found you out.

There are many things for us to consider together, so I trust that we may meet soon. My wife, mother, sister and bairns are out here at 26 St. Luke's Place. How I wish that you and Mrs. Speer might run out here some day and see us in our home. Will this be possible?

Please find inclosed my cheque for \$7.00 (seven hundred) for Mr. Simonsen's salary in Miraj, Western India. May God's richest blessing rest on him and on the station where he labours.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Speer and yourself from us all, I am
Yours in the old friendship
Robert P. Wilder

DH 20

Dec. 7th - 1877.

Dear Dr. Brown:-

I find that I was wrongly informed as to the time of my sailing from Glasgow. We do not reach Liverpool before the 20th and just miss the out-going steamer--

The S.S. "Ethiopia" is booked to sail Jan. 1st and I expect (D.V.) to leave Glasgow then.

Hoping to see you before
many days

I remain yours
Du hast -

Rachel Levine -

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Miraj

India

1. J. Brown Esq. Dec. 9th 1897

My Dear Mr Brown

I was very sorry I could not see you before sailing from New York, I had quite a pleasant time visiting my Parents, and friends at my home; how one enjoys to be home after a long absence & how many changes has come in the time; many people had passed away from this world, & the young people had growing up.

I spent a pleasant time at sea, only for the one thing, which I always have too much of, at that time, sea-sickness, but

when once you land
I forget all about it.

I had such a pleasant
party from Liverpool to
here, which made every
thing pleasant for me
Mr & Mrs Cohen, Jolly &c
were all very kind
& on my arrival at
Miraj Station was met by
Dr & Mrs Wankless & several
other missionaries &
some of the Native Christians
they are all very kind
& I like my work, of
course it is different
to they have hospitals
in some ways, one thing
which is very different
and that is the Nurses,
but I have started on
giving them a course & I
hope that they will be
successful.

Dr Wankless does a good

work & has a good many
patients

I will have a time learning
the language but I am
getting along as well as
I can, It is funny to
here these people talking
to me, the imagine I
must know it all already.
I am quite happy & I
receive such nice
letters from the Presbyt-
-Hospital, that I feel I
am amongst them yet

Thanking you for all
your past kindness

I am

Sincerely

Yours
G. J. Foster

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3- We know it since that the Misses Lequand
are expected to arrive here next winter.
The Bellefleur says a little longer at
Pankara for her education in German.
We are very glad to announce that in
the coming year Misses Lequand have
been freed from her work in Miss Lequand
and will again take up her work at Ketchikan.

In the absence of Mr. Edwin the regular Church service have been arranged for and for the most part conducted by the elders. The attendance has been small.

4 Miss Fergusson has been keeping up her school, and has made some improvements. In order that a Christian name might reach in the school, an old compound wall has closed the school at Dabai Seta, placing Kamekanda Singhada (the teacher at the Seta) in charge, and extended the time from three to five hours daily. Some fears were entertained that a change in the management of the school might lessen the numbers in attendance, but in answer to prayer there was not much loss. But great additions have been made, so that now as it might have been called a 'heathen school' with a few Christian children now in a Christian school with some heathen children.

5 In Miss Fergusson's absence I have visited her school in the Pagar, but my principal work is that of carrying the Gospel into the homes.

6 Balarantiar our helper at Benguala still plods on alone "yet & it alone!"

They would continue his work, & flourish
in Chiqui day by day.

Larumán predicted his friends will come &
read the Bible with him on Sunday afternoon.
The two little girls he one day adorned with
the garlands he is giving to the one girl in
his much esteem.

Before his letter reached the village, the
two little girls were born, and received from
her on Sunday, as well as a more detailed
account of the work in the village.

There is the same work in
Larumán & his son

See a letter to

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When I was in the village, I was told that
the work in the village was very good. The
people were very much interested in the
work. I learned that the people were very
interested in the work. I was told that the
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people were very much interested in the work.

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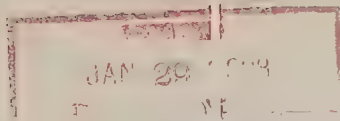
There has been

another change in the sailings
of the "Anchor" line steamers.

S. S. "Furnessia" sails on
the 30th of this month and
I expect to sail from Glasgow
in her, and to arrive in
New York (D. V.) ten or eleven
days later.

Yours Sincerely

Rachel Linn.



Kolhapur India

30 December 1897

Dear Dr. Brown:

Just a note to say, though late, that we were surprised and disappointed to learn of your giving up the correspondence of this Mission, a connection which to us has been a most pleasant and helpful one. This is testified on all hands. I say this while we know from past experience that Dr. Gillespie's administration will be all that could be asked.

Our meeting of the mission adjourned on the 24th inst. The minutes will, I hope, be ready to send in a few days. Miss Jefferson is helping me to prepare them. The meeting was one of the happiest that I have attended.

We have, in pursuance of the mission's action already sent you, engaged passage to sail from Bombay on S.S. "Imperator" on 1st March. We hope for the pleasure of meeting you about the 10th April. The general health of the family is good just now, though the need of change is apparent. The voyage itself will refresh us.

Praying for continued blessing to you, I remain

Yours Faithfully, William H. Hannum.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

Annual Meeting closed
Report of Station & Personal
work sent-

Western India Mission,

Sangli, Dec. 31st, 1897.

Rev. John Gillespie, D. D. Secretary,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Gillespie:-

J. P. Graham

Our annual mission meeting which was so long deferred on account of plague and quarantine regulations is over at last. We had a busy session of twelve days for all were desirous of getting back to their stations and work as soon as possible. I send enclosed the personal report (in the form of a letter to yourself) that I read at the annual meeting to comply with the letter of the law. The general report of the station I am forwarding in a separate cover to save postage.

I am glad to have you again as our secretary, though I have never had much correspondence with the secretary who represents us in the Board as I have been Treasurer of the Mission most of the time I have been in India. I tried to get out of the treasurer's office at this meeting but they wouldn't let me off.

With the best wishes of the season,

Yours very sincerely,

J. P. Graham

Recd. Mr. Gillespie;

Will you kindly have
a copy of this Report of mine (tho'
it is so short) made & sent to Mrs.
Thorne of Philadelphia. I always
try to have her see it each year.

I am so glad you have re-taken me
under your care, for it seems as if
must know me & our work better
because you have been here with
us.

I have my oldest son Geo. Chauncey
has been told to call upon you
at least in your office. He is at
work in the New York Printing Co's
Office 14 La Fayette Place, Room 2-80
A.M. 6 P.M. & scarcely has more
time at home than for lunch. I have
asked him to try to call on both you
& Mr. Brown.

Very sincerely

Daisy H. Ferris.

- 1 - Reports sent
- 2 - Mr. & Mrs. Wilson stationed at Ratnagiri
- 3 - Addition to Bangalore at Ratnagiri
- 4 - Opening work in the P. M.

Ratnagiri, Jan. 4th 1898.

Rev. John Gillespie D.D.
#156 Fifth Ave New York.

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Dear Dr. Gillespie,

I address this letter to you since I understand that there has been a change in the home office making you our Secretary. You will be glad to learn that we have finally succeeded in having our Mission Meeting and that the Lord's blessing seemed to rest upon it. You will perhaps receive the minutes by this mail if you have not by the last, from our returning Secretary Mr. Lammum. I enclose the personal reports of Ratnagiri Station except those of Dr. Wilson who sends his with the Miraj reports, and Miss Irwin who has left the field on furlough. Also, I enclose the Station Statistical Report. The General Report of the Station I left in the hands of Miss Minor who offered to copy it for "Indian Notes" & then send it direct to you herself. You will observe by the heading of this letter that we are back in Ratnagiri. Unfortunately Mr. and Mrs. Wilson (who were transferred to Ratnagiri, are prevented coming at once on account of the health of Mrs. Wilson, also Bunsantao the native preacher transferred here cannot come with his family until March, but is coming with Misses Minor and Jafferson this week, for a time, alone. We have as a station planned that Mrs. Irwin and I should go down to Bangalore our outstation some 90 miles south on the Coast and reside for

for as much of the coming year as possible, and open up the work in that promising part of the field. Mr Wilson when he comes can take charge of the work in Ratnagiri town and we will take the district work. We have been very modest in our estimates for the coming year and I hope that we shall not have to make up a heavy cut. Allow me to advocate two things very strongly. —

1st. The addition to the bungalow in Ratnagiri is for the health of the missionaries staying there in both the Rains & Hot Season. You know that Ratnagiri is specially trying in both those seasons, and that climatic reasons & health reasons keep most of our missionaries from living in this station field, making it exceedingly hard to supply & man this station. The addition to the bungalow will protect it from heat & rain in a measure & give improved air & view to those who occupy it. It is simply a porch and room above it, a common provision in bungalows here.

2nd. The estimates for opening work at the South viz. bungalow, hut, preaching room, itineration & opening of a dispensary. Kindly represent the need of these & the opportunity of work there before the Board. It is the most populous, the most accessible & the most promising part of our very large station district, & is also the most distant from Ratnagiri town. It is a center for easily reaching such large towns as Malvan, Savant Wadi, & Goa all within 30 miles in various directions from Oraguda, our outstation. It is a district full of paganism, Roman Catholics and the key to Goa territory.

It is a remarkable fact that there for the first time in our Mission we find ourselves able to open and extend work without building bungalows, since there are available for longer or shorter stay some eight bungalows within a radius of 30 miles.

The R. Catholics invite us & offer to bear financial burdens in starting Churches themselves, so that we have a good opportunity to try our new principles of self-support.

Please try and have the Board grant us liberty to open a Station there. I should be rejoiced if shortly after next Mission Meeting in Oct of this year, when Dr & Mrs H.S. Wilson will most likely be, according to their own wish, re-located in the Konkan we could have Buzgola or Savant Vadi erected into a permanent Station. Mr & Mrs Hammam I understand desire to return to the Ratnagiri fields and so we could have two families besides single ladies in each part of the fields, and as we are asking for another group of four G.B. & M.M. ladies who will in all probability be sent, the new group to stay in Ratnagiri and the old set at liberty to go to the Southern part of the fields with us, - there would seem to be no difficulty to anticipate in establishing the Station either on account of money or men. Buzgola is so distant from Ratnagiri viz about 90 miles, that it would be exceedingly inconvenient for missionaries located at the two places to form one Station.

If the Board could grant the Mission liberty to open a Station at Savant Vadi or Buzgola whenever they it seemed best provided no expenditures were made without the previous sanction of the Board, it would

greatly facilitate the matter. Our Station has decided to try a year's location there in the case of Mrs. Brown & myself and we hope there to open the way for a Station, for Dr. Wilson & the G.B. & M. M. Ladins (who by the way are now expecting to accompany us & I happen to be their Secretary), so that we shall soon be in a position to write fuller information esp. on the point as to whether Savant Vadi or Brugnola is the better fitted for a Station. The claims of the two are about evenly balanced. They are of about the same population, one a port, & the other a capital of a small state inland i.e. Savant Vadi.

I hope and pray that the Ratnagiri district, which is in some respects at a great disadvantage in our Mission, and yet is so large, needy & neglected, may secure your prayerful advocacy in the Councils of the Board, for in few other parts of India can a population of one and a half millions of souls, be found so poorly provided for.

Yours faithfully in the Lord's Service

J. M. Brown

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Comments on
Minutes of
Annual Meeting

Kolhapur, India

6 January 1898

Rev'd John Gillespie, D.D.

Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions,
New York.

Dear Dr. Gillespie: W. H. H. n. n.

Under registered
cover I send you today the Minutes of the 25th
Annual Meeting of your "Western India" Mission,
including estimates.

Please notice in the Minutes the following points.

- 1 Request for special appropriation for Miss Julia
Seiler's journey to the United States, (pages 10 and 51)
- 2 Adoption of "Unicode" (published by Thos. Kirk
& Son), pages 16, 52 and 53.
- 3 Request for printing of map, page 49.
- 4 Interpretation of headings in statistical report
form, pages 51 and 52.
- 5 Citation of errors in the Board's Annual Report,
page 54.
- 6 Reply to the Board's inquiry concerning Outfit
allowance, pages 54 and 55.
- 7 Reply to the Board's inquiry concerning ter
of service, page 55.
- 8 Decision on Estimates for Class II

Travel, page 57. (It seems to have been by inadvertence that some estimates were approved contrary to this decision).

9 Preference in new property, page 104

10 " among new missionaries, pages 102, 104 and 105.

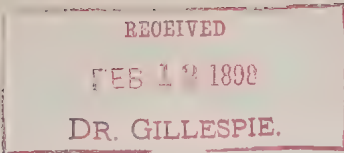
11 The election of a new secretary, Rev. E. M. Wilson of Ratnagiri, page 105.

12 Request for copies of the Board's letters for filing, pages 54 and 55.

On behalf of the Mission I would express our great pleasure in welcoming you again as the Board's corresponding officer for this Mission. With cordial and prayerful greetings to you and to the Board, I remain

Yours Respectfully,
William H. Hannum,
Secretary.

108 Bi-monthly letter



Wolchapar, S. M. C. India

Jan. 10th / 1898

Rev. J. Gillespie, D.D.

Wm. Harris

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions
Dear Mr. Gillespie;

I am glad that as it is my
turn to write the bi-monthly letter, that
I have the privilege of welcoming you
back to the post of corresponding se-
cretary to our mission. It is not

because we did not learn to appreciate,
and honor and love Mr. Brown, but
that we knew and loved you before
he became our secretary. Especially
as you have been with us here, and
know a little of our joys and sorrows,
do we rejoice at your re-appointment.

May this prove that we are mutual
helps - you there and we here - and
may the Lord establish the work of
our hands.

May our importunities seem to you,
as a cry from the need of this people
and the work, and may we feel
even when our requests are refused

Glad of
Dr. his
re-appointment

that it is because One greater than we, sees we must grow by waiting a little longer.

But the cry is on our lips of 'How long Lord, how long must we wait; when the opportunity to go in and possess the land, is ripe and the thousands are dying without a knowledge of our blessed Master! How long must we wait?'

*Arrival of
Gohans* On November 1st we had the pleasure of welcoming back to the scene of their former labors, Rev. and Mrs J. M. Gohans. The transfer of Rev. and Mrs E. M. Wilson to Kathagiri causes us regret, but we know our loss is their gain.

Plague at Sangli Our Annual Meeting which usually convenes in October was postponed, but finally was held here in Kathaguri from the 14th to 24th inclusive.

The officials here would not consent to our convening at Panhala, because he wished that retreat to be reserved for an emergency and a place of refuge in case the Plague should pass through

quarantine and get into this filthy town.
 Thank God with us again, that as yet
 we are quite free and safe, although
 it is now in Sargli and may come here.

As we met together to look over our
 work of the past year, and plan for
 the future, we were full of gratitude
 for our immunity from suffering during
 the year past.

Municipal orders and advice of those
 in authority has made it necessary to
 have three seasons of lime-washing in
 fifteen months, as a preventive against
 Plague, and it has fallen hard upon
 some of us, if not all of us at this Station.
 On account of our calculating so exactly
 last year our anticipated expenses and
 giving no margin by proper enlarge-
 ment of our work, the 'cut' fell upon Ho-
 rapur Station most cruelly, and each
 one has had to put his or her hand,
 into his or her pocket to keep up some
 of the work which we could not bear
 to see given up, and the lime-washing
 has drawn heavily on each one.

Lime
 washing
 a heavy
 drain

Also in some cases Conservancy Houses have had to be arranged for in connection with houses belonging to the Mission and there was no money to meet this.

In fact, we did think of asking for a special appropriation to meet these unexpected but necessary repairs ordered by the authorities.

But of respect to the wishes of the Board we have not asked for a special appropriation.

The Estimate Sheets, with the Minutes of an Annual Meeting, are doubtless in your hands, a week earlier than this letter.

It is my duty to explain a few of the figures and items which are on the Kolhapur Sheets.

I would first say that in our Kolhapur Estimates we always go on the basis of our Rules for the Pay of Agents, and the lowest estimate for the expected needs of current work.

You will see almost nothing in the way of advance work from our Station, as yet.

Explanation
of estimates

Explanation of our Estimates from
Wahapua Station, May 1st 1898 - Apr 8th 1899.

Class II. Sub-classes A. and B.

The immediate necessity of the home going of Rev. and Mrs W. H. Hannum, is made by the advice of Mr. Wainess, who thinks Mrs Hannum should wait no longer for special treatment at home. They hesitated much to go, as there was no estimate sent in, and their furlough not due. They have, therefore, decided in accordance with Mission action, to go home and hence in these sub-classes home allowances are asked for.

Sub-classes D and E.

Miss Patton arrived back from furlough, in November 1890, and Mrs Service in January 1891, hence their furloughs will be due, and it seems wisest that they ask to be permitted to go home in the Spring of 1899.

Hence with travelling estimates for Rev. and Mrs Hannum, in these sub-classes, we have put the figures for home

Furlough
of Hannums

Furlough
of Miss
Patton & Mrs
Service

Patton and Mrs Serrie's expenses, with a
 child of the latter.

Also Rev. and Mrs G. W. Seiler improve
 the occasion of the Harnum's home-
 going, to send their daughter Julia.
 Her going now permits her to go on a
half fare. A year or six months later,
 it would require a full fare for her.

It was a puzzling question to know what
 basis to estimate expense for travel and
 freight, as some must stop in the east
 and others have to go on to Michigan.

Class III.

In view of the fact that Miss Patton and
 Mrs Serrie will leave in 1899, the Station has
 asked for two ladies, to be sent here.

Of course you know as well as we, that
 no new person could be put in charge of
 work which must all be done in a
 native language, but the Mission will doubt-
 less transfer some experienced persons to
 this responsible place of training and
 teaching Christian Girls, and place the

new arrivals in good places to acquire the language and experience.

Five ladies should be over this School.
It is a care, day and night, in cold and heat, in sickness and health, which is too much for one person.

Class IV. Sub-classes C. and D.

In the whole of this Class IV, there seems quite a large number of requests asked in columns of recitations and new work.

If you will kindly look over our Rules for Pay of Agents, you will see our Schedule provides a very slight increase in pay, for rising from one grade to another.

The three keepers in these sub-classes of C. and D may rise and therefore the allowance is asked for.

Again in the Rules, there is an emergency allowance of Rs 5, in case of severe illness.

And as we must look for additions to our Church from within as well as without the fold, we have an allowance for each child below eight years of age, and in case of married Agents, we have inclu-

ded this allowance to cover the emergency, in case a little one make its advent in their families.

Sub-class F.

Two years ago, a tent too large for convenient handling in itinerating work, was sold, with the understanding that the Rupees 300, should be expended on new tents - small ones. By some mistake it was turned over to the Board.

Tents

We now ask for that Rs 300, with which to buy a tent for missionaries, with a smaller one for the attendants who go with the missionary.

Also we ask for sufficient Itinerating Allowance, including restored work, to permit us to charge for conveyance hired for Itinerating and village work.

Itinerating Expenses

A few years ago the Board wrote that we were to charge to the Board conveyance expense when incurred on Itinerating and Mission business.

Our Estimates here in Kolhapur, have been as close each year, that in order to meet the 'Cut', we have to curtail

Ministering or meet the expenses ourselves.

Class V. Sub-class A. Boarding School.

Our Boarding School for educating our Christian girls, with 40 boarders, supported by the Board, is certifying Rupees 2400 this year for board and scholastic expenses, after cutting out Rs 395 clothing allowance.

Boarding
Schools

The addition to the Hermitory, by private gifts, but not until the increase was approved by the Board, has a capacity of accommodating 60 boarders. In addition to the 40 pupils supported by the Board, 12 others have been supported this year by the missionaries.

Mr. Wankar says we must never accommodate more than 60 boarders, and we hope to have there 60 by June 1st. If the Board refuses to make provision for the extra 20 pupils, we can not take them. We must have Rs 395 returned for clothing for those already in the School. You will observe there is no increase of the teaching force, asked.

Sub-class B. Day Schools.

In this class we ask for no new work. In every case where the figures represent directed work, it shows that in those schools we had to cut down the expense by closing a school or dismissing a teacher.

Schools, No. 5, 7, 9, and 11, were closed. (No 11 closed because it had been supported by the Wilders and thus when they left, there was no money for it.)

From Schools No 2, 3, and 8, one teacher each was dropped by the Mission.

We are simply asking the actual amount required to continue these schools and in the column for new work, we ask for the allowances required by our Rules, allowing a teacher to rise into a higher grade or in case of married men, allow for an increase in the family or \$5 in case of serious illness.

Several of the Schools require a slight increase on the allowance for furnishing maps, &c and prizes in the Vernacular Schools for rising into higher classes.

No new
work asked
for in Day
Schools

Class VII. Sub-class A.

We ask for rent for a bungalow for missionaries, for if Mrs and Miss Wilder return, and the two ladies asked for, are appointed, we shall need another small house.

As years pass by, we realize more and more, that no house is large enough for two families.

We need a room, not only into which we may retire for our own private study and preparation, but into which we may take enquirers, or others who need private admonition.

When we are crowded, we are also crowded and stunted spiritually.

Of course we wish to re-open certain Schools and need the restoration of rent allowance.

Sub-class B. Taxes.

The tax on the Holapur property has always been paid by the resident missionaries, ever since the Board owned the property. We now ask the Board to assume this responsibility. Also the tax on the Stella School House, which was omitted last year,

Rent for
Bungalows

notes

Sub-clause D. Repairs.

All repairs of roof, fallen walls &c must come here.

Also Conservancy House, for our people, ordered by Municipal Authorities.

All lime-washing in time of Cholera and Small-pox epidemics, Plague &c.

It is not but that we try to keep things clean, but in a country where the words 'sanitation' and 'conservancy' are almost unknown and less understood, the responsibility is very great, and expense not to be spared.

The kind of roof, with small tile, is subject to 'slips and slides', and disasters of all kinds, from the ravages of white ants, hurricanes and crops, and must always be re-laid before the rains, if we wish to prevent damage and greater expense.

Sub-clause E. Attendants

This item is entirely new, never before.

In all other Missions, it is the custom to provide watch-men, not only to protect

personal property but to protect the premises from violation.

We have repeatedly suffered losses from thefts at night and constantly are fighting, in words at least, to keep intruders off of the mission ground and from making new roads, here and there.

Chairman Six months custom is sufficient to establish such precedence as to lead to a seizure of the property.

This year there seems to be an organized band of thieves about here, and constant thefts are occurring, so we ask that the Board grant us here-after an allowance which will permit us to hire one man for the day and another for the night.

Class VIII. Sub-class C. Alterations & Additions

new property I believe this is the fifth time we have asked for an addition to our School House, in connection with the Boarding School.

With eight standards and only

this room, we have great difficulty in managing.

Two or three classes at one time on each open verandah makes dire confusion and causes poor attention.

We ask for a modest addition. Like the Dormitory, if we can once enlarge, it will probably never be asked again.

God has increased the Church from without, let us be ready to educate into stalwart Christianity, the future mothers of our Church!

Class IX. Sub-Classes A.B.C.D.E & F.

You will see in which Class the heaviest and first 'cut' was made in Holapur, this current year.

We simply ask to have all these amounts, which were cut out, restored to us.

Mission business requires that some little printing be done.

A few account books supplied.
Letter postage on Mission documents and letters to the Board, paid.

Those who are not near our medical missionaries have come far to pay.

The hot season changes, with expenses of travel are needed.

Lastly, many of us would be more efficient in our work, could we have the use of a Landit, even a part of the year.

I feel much, and the need seems great, and so I have tried to write fully.

May God put the power into your hands this year, of granting Kolhapur Station its requests and inflict no cut upon me.

With sincere feelings of regard to you and the other members of the Board,

Believe me

Yours sincerely

(Mrs G. H.) Lucy H. Ferris

for
Kolhapur Station

Mingaj, S. A. L. Jan 10 - 1898.

Dr. Jno. Gillespie,
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gillespie,

You will soon receive the minutes of our Mission Meeting & may be surprised on reading them to find that both the doctors of the Mission are stationed here at Mingaj. I write this note to further explain the reasons for such action.

As you may know, Mrs. Wilson & I were stationed here for the last rains, during which time Dr. Wanless & I took up the work of instructing a class of English-speaking, Christian medical helpers who are so much needed in our work. As the instruction is altogether in Eng. it is possible for me to engage in it without interfering with my language study which of course for another year will be my chief occupation. In addition to this I am assisting Dr. Wanless in the work of the Hospital as far as possible. The sense of the the mission is that our location

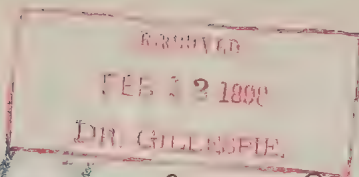
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There is ~~for~~ nine years only after
which our work will probably
be in the hands of the

Last week the plague made its ap-
pearance in Sangli but the authorities
have taken hold of it with great vigor
and we hope it will not spread
further.

Yours for the work

Wm. S. Wilson.



Kolhapur India

12 January 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Your letter to the Mission dated 7th December contained some very gratifying things. The idea of a training class in New York is one that I have long thought desirable to fit candidates for the field and almost essential to prove them before sending them out. The suggested limitation on children's allowances seems right. Indeed I believe it would be better to graduate missionaries' salaries by their length of service and to abolish children's allowances.

As to the estimates, I suppose you are receiving letters urging the demands of the several stations. It will be only fair if I present a few points on the Board's side of the question.

Kolhapur Station. Under Bible Women (IV C) note that the amount asked for Rādhābāi includes Rs 24- for support of one child. She has no children of her own, the child referred to being that of her brother Limbaji. He now has a flourishing shop in the room adjoining the Church (the room being the Board's property) and is able

to support his own children. I would suggest that you inquire into the point and determine whether it is the Board's policy to support the child of a Christian merchant merely because the child is cared for by an agent of the Mission.

Under Rent a bungalow is requested, being meant, I believe, for Mrs. and Miss Wilder. It should be noted that they are not expected to be on the field more than half the year under estimate, and it is uncertain whether they are to be here at all within the year. There are other points casting doubt on the necessity of this item. 1 A rather small force of missionaries is sufficient in Kolhapur because of the presence of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" and the "Ladies' Association." Besides we have here now an active Presbyterian Church with an able pastor and capable officers. 2 The three bungalows (two of them being rather large) are enough for four small families. 3 Mrs. Ferris and Miss Patton are expected to go on furlough in the Spring of 1899, and the small house that Mrs. Ferris occupies will be available for Mrs. and Miss Wilder.

Under Medical Allowance and Sanitariums the amounts requested seem too large. The Mission's two

physicians are stationed only thirty miles away and are daily accessible by rail, post^{and} telegraph. The Board has provided us liberally with sanitarium buildings, so that perhaps the Mission ought not to ask under Sanitariums for the rent of any more houses for the hot season. Indeed the Board might reasonably expect the missionaries to pay out of their salaries for transportation to sanitariums. If the figures of the distribution of the rent by the several stations have been reported to you, I think you will observe that they were able to spare large amounts from the appropriations under Class IX. These remarks on sanitarium estimates apply also to other stations than Kolhapur.

Ratnagiri: Here too under Rent a bungalow is asked for Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. I am sure that they can be comfortably housed either in the Board's bungalow or in the one occupied by Miss Minor and Miss Jefferson. There is room to spare in either house. I believe, though it is not stated in the estimate sheet, that a small amount is desired for a house to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Irwin at Vengurle. Rent is likely to be moderate there.

Under Sanitariums a provision was inadvertently

retained by the Mission for Dr. and Mrs. Wilson. You will observe that they are provided for in the estimates for Miraj Station, where they are now assigned.

Singli: Under Boarding Schools salary is asked for Miss C. L. Graham for ten months. It is now announced that she is to be married in March (that is before the beginning of the year under estimate). It is not likely that she will remain at Singli more than half the year, though of course I cannot be positive on that point. Perhaps it would be worth your consideration whether a lady should under such circumstances be employed on salary by the Board at all.

Under New Property a bungalow is asked. I think you have on file papers showing the size of the bungalow now in use, or perhaps your memory will recall it to you clearly. The largest force likely to be stationed at Singli may safely be said to be two families and one single person. There is already accommodation for that number. I venture the opinion that the proposed new house is quite unnecessary. A large amount is asked for school buildings. I would suggest caution against large expenditure for an institution to be

There are various reasons - not new to you - against that location for a large school for boys. I shall mention these two only, that (1) Singli' is not central in the region where its patrons live. Its neighborhoods of Kolhapur and Kodoli' send the great majority of pupils to the School. (2) It is not wise to extend operations at Singli' till the consolidation with Miraj is accomplished. "Nothing is ever decided till it is decided right."

Under Medical Allowance no appropriation seems needed, since the two missionary physicians and the whole hospital equipment are within five miles.

Miraj. Under New Property an amount is asked for completion of the new bungalow. I believe that when the appropriation was made to build that house it was meant for its completion. Now when the Property Committee with full experience in such work and with a knowledge of the prevalent conditions, has sanctioned such plans and specifications as exceed the appropriation it is not fair to ask the Board to supply the additional amount. It is clear that if the rooms had been made of the same dimensions as ⁱⁿ the other bungalow there would have been little or no excess over the appropriation. Hence a circular letter has, since the adoption of these

estimates, been issued by the members at M. r. g., proposing to withdraw this item and asking for private subscriptions to meet the deficit.

For new missionaries for the various stations the Mission has asked our Board for two men and eight women. As you will notice in the Minutes, we have also requested the Genana Bible and Medical Mission for ~~eight~~ four women. This makes a sum of twelve women asked this year for this field. Considering that the women are already a large majority in this Mission, it would have been more reasonable if we had asked for twelve men and two women. Please note that in the Mission's preference the men are placed first. I should say that the wise course for the Board would be first to make a reasonable provision for the support of the missionaries already appointed, and next so far as means avail send new missionaries but especially men. Let building schemes be relegated to a subordinate rank in importance. Crowd a few new missionaries upon the field, and then if more house-room is wanted estimates can be made next November for renting houses. Allow me a word concerning the two women asked for

Kolhapur. It is understood that they are wanted for the Girls' Boarding School. Yet new missionaries could not do that work, and even if they were sent an experienced woman must be assigned. As to the plea that one woman is insufficient for that School, that is true as long as insufficient and incapable native assistants are employed. If really good teachers, superintendent and matron were employed under the lady Principal, one missionary woman would be enough. This point you yourself made when you were here.

I believe it is best that men should be sent out unmarried. Their freedom from family cares for two or three years gives them leisure for language study and for itineration.

Do not think that I am boldly opposing my opinions to the Mission's judgment, but in so far as you find these suggestions of mine warranted by common-sense, I hope you will give them consideration. And may you and the Board have the needed wisdom and grace.

Yours Cordially,
William H. Hannum.

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Item for estimates

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 DR. GILLESPIE.

Thurs Feb
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G. M. Wilson

Dear Dr. Gillespie,

There is no intention of
 applying money now in the
 the situation as the money has not
 not been. Mr. Wilson is
 in camp early in March & that
 will be a good thing about
 the matter. This is all I can
 say.

We will see by the time that
 we have time to go to Kellogg.
 He has not yet been here since
 we got here. After the time
 we got here with my father & a
 few more. Because of the
 poor condition of the road it is
 well up and down the country
 but I am not going.

Yours truly,
 G. M. Wilson

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- 1- Will have to return on wife's account -
before May 1st -
 - 2- Will bear the expense of travel, till
May 1st, if Board so desires
- Kolhapur India

17 January 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Hannum.

1- Your letter to me of 21st December is received. Your letter to the Mission of the same date has been handed me for perusal. I thank you and the Board for having opened the way for our return soon to America. Your desire that we should if possible defer the journey a month or two is only what we might have expected. So far as our present general health is concerned, we could do that without special danger. Yet the surgical operation that my wife requires must be done in such time that she may recover before the hot weather begins. If our arrival in America were postponed later than the middle of April there would be serious danger that the surgeons in New York or Philadelphia might advise the further postponement of the operation till the Autumn. Dr. Wanless has given us to understand that so long a postponement would create a danger that her present condition might become chronic. Do not understand that my wife is a helpless

invalid. She looks well and is active in the house. Yet she dare not make any severe exertion or be long on her feet. You will readily see that this unfits her for such a part as she is anxious to take in active missionary work.

With these considerations in mind, I do not think that you would wish us to defer the journey even a fortnight. I might add that our passage is secured by the advance of nearly 500 rupees for tickets.

2 As the chief difficulty in the Board's mind seems to be ^{the} special appropriation proposed, I would say that if you prefer to postpone the appropriation till the beginning of the new fiscal year, I have no objection. Whatever advance the Mission Treasurer makes for the expenses of the family on the journey will then stand as on my responsibility till the appropriation is made. I shall expect however from the language of the Board's action that if the appropriation is not passed within the present fiscal year it will be passed without fail at the beginning of the next.

Thanking you again for your kind concern, I remain

Yours Most Sincerely, William H. Hannum.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

Kolhapur, India.

Feb. 5th. 1898. ✓

My dear Dr. Gillespie:

First of all I must beg you to pardon me for so long delaying my personal report. I was very tired after mission meeting & the 2nd. week in January while touring I began to feel ill. He stayed out however for over two weeks & then exchanged with Mr. Tedford coming to Panhala while he went on with the tour. I kept running down until I had to come down to the Doctor here. He said I had congestion of the liver & has been treating me

for it. I am better but still
feel weak & the Doctor is
keeping me here until I
am stronger. We hope to
turn to Kodoli in a few
days. This is the only
illness of any importance I
have had while in India.

Your letter of Jan. 4th.
reached me two weeks ago.
The old building in Aitirvadi
in which you attended
service is still there; but
all the regular services are
now held in Kodoli as the
pastor now lives there & the
majority of Christians are
also in Kodoli. The dispensary
has to be used for the
services as the school house

is far too small.

The dispensary. Tell me to
the subject of our request for
a lady physician for Kodoli.
We have a good dispensary
& no prospect of getting a
native Christian doctor. Dr.
Hansless thinks it may be
years before we could get
one as they are so few.
You know the Panhala
field. Kodoli is twenty miles
by road, from the nearest
doctor & the native people
are very loth to come to the
Gov. hospital. Miraj is still
rather away. We have a
church of over 200 adults &
children with as many
more adherents w^h look to

us for care & medicine in
sickness. I have had to do
this work in addition to
school & visiting work, & it
is too heavy a burden.

I understand that the S. H.
Board has a lady physician,
Miss Fleming, who is
prepared for work & have
written them of our needs.

You may know ere
this that the plague has
broken out in Sangli. The
measures undertaken by the
Gov. officials for its suppression
have aroused the people
to attack some of the
workmen & riot is feared.

We feel anxious for Mr. Graham.
Yours Sincerely,
J. H. Sherman.

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Rev Jno Gillespie

Miraj July 8 1898
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156 Fifth Ave New York N.Y.
My dear Dr Gillespie. 114

I thank you for your kind note enclosed with Miss Foster's letter.

1- Would you kindly send the manuscript referred to to the Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, stating that I will personally write regarding it.

At a meeting of the Miraj Station held today the following action was taken...

Contributions sufficient to cover the ~~appropriation~~ of Rs 500/- asked for in the annual estimates for 1898-99 to complete the new bungalow at Miraj having been promised on the field, moved that the estimate be withdrawn & the station secretary be instructed to forward this action to the Board & Mission.

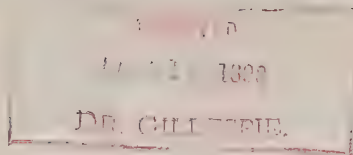
I regret that this estimate had to be made in such a poor place. Every precaution was taken in our endeavours to keep the cost of the building within the appropriation but the presence of famine & quarantine on account of the plague so greatly increased the cost of both building material.

skilled labor - that it was finally found impossible to complete the building on the appropriation asked for - though at the time of making the estimate we thought it ample in the light of former building experiences at Peking. I am thankful however that the extra cost will not now fall on the Board. The building is now ^{about} complete & we are now living in it & find it a very comfortable home. Dr Wilson is now occupying with Mr. Emerson Tungah. I presume will do so until next mission meeting when it is expected that he will be transferred to the Convent. His help has been greatly valued here - where for the present his language is much needed. Miss Foster is an invaluable acquisition to the hospital.

I sincerely trust that another medical missionary (a lady) will be sent out this coming year. The Decan should have at least two physicians.

I am sure you will bear with sorrow of the death of our darling baby girl Gertrude Esther on Feb 1st of last year.

after an illness of two weeks. She was six
months old & it seemed to me the sweetest
of all our children. For the third time we
followed the body of our little child to the
quiet little resting place in the cemetery
at Kalhapur. The little spot is now
more sacred than ever. May it serve to
make India, for Christ's sake, dearer to us
than ever but oh it makes us long for
His return when He will bring with Him our
darlings. Heaven was never as precious
as now. God is setting our affections on
things above we are so slow to do this
ourselves. We have been wonderfully
sustained, what we thought impossible
He has made possible. Oh may we
quick to learn all the lessons He would
teach us in these trials. Certainly it is
additional assurance that He loves us
for "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth" - be
marked sore but He also bindeth up. The expressions
of love & sympathy from friends in India are
helpful & comforting but Jesus is doing precious
now. With kindest regards to your faithful
members of the Board. your affectionate sustainer
J. W. A. S.



- 1 Glad to have permission to send daughter home
- 2- Famine effects
- 3- Plague
- 4- At Mahabeshwar for change -
- 5- Same of his note

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Kolhapur, India

Feb. 17. 1898

Rev. J. Gillespie D.D. Sec'y &

My Dear Dr. Gillespie, G. M. Seib

1- I received your kind letter of Jan'y 17th, in which you advise me of the Board's permission to Julia to return to U. S. A. in this fiscal year. I naturally wished to keep her here longer (so did Mrs S.) but there were particular reasons why it was decided to send her now, if practicable.

My mother would like to come as far as Harrisbg, from Wooster, anyhow; so she expects to come on to Phila and meet Julia. I will tell her to let you know if her plan should fail.

2- The famine, as far as immediate effects are concerned, is over, but debts, loss of cattle & have left many in a wretched condition, and on account of plague restrictions in all quarters of this Presidency trade is paralyzed and transportation from adjacent places rendered difficult, so that we are hearing again the old cry of high prices, and our frequent denials of requests coming from poor Village Christians come as more or less mutual employment, and makes me long for a hot-season rest at Mahabeshwar.

3- I presume Mr. Graham has told you that Plague

has broken out in Sangli; and to say nothing of danger from the plague, he is liable to be visited by a riotous mob who are angry on account of drastic plague measures, which they suspect he has advised. The Authorities do not allow Mr. Nammur to ship by Goods train any boxes ^{on account of plague} ~~in~~. He has used wearing apparel or bedding, but they must go along as personal luggage, which will necessitate an extra expenditure of about Rs 15 to Bombay.

⁴ Dr. Wankar wanted us to spend last hot season at Mahabeshwar on account of Mrs. Seiler, but we did not go, so this time we felt we must go. We are having a house rent-free ^(Robt. Wilger's) and expect to pay our way, as there is hardly anything left this fiscal year in appropriation for health change. (for this station)

⁵ As Mission meeting came in Dec. I could not, so as much touring as I wished to. Was out twice, a fortnight each time, and went to 60 towns & villages. Have been going these cool mornings, on foot, (we have no horse or conveyance) to villages from 2 to 4 1/2 miles out. I am in the city nearly every day too, and am now thinking of starting a matriculating class of at least 20 boys in the city (with the approval of the Station) to be connected next Nov. with a regular school. I expect this to be without expense to the Board. Last Sat. I lectured ^{in English} to an audience chiefly of Brahmans on "Were the former times better than the Present?"

You must have kindness believe the ancient, Vedie, times were really better than the present. - Your Very Friend G. W. Seiler.

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LEGIATE MISSIONARY ALLIANCE.

Dear Speer -

I shall try to do as you suggest.

May I give most of my time to the Spiritual Qualifications?
May that God's message may be spoken through me.

Your sincere friend

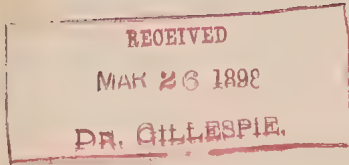
Robert P. Wilder

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Kolhapur. Decr 21st. '88.

My Dear Doctor Gillespie -

Mrs. Goheen

It falls to my lot to write the station letter this month and I am glad that it may be written to one who knows much of us and of our ways. It is a temptation to me to make this "a brief personal report" with no emphasis whatever on brief. So to resist temptation I shall make haste to enter at once upon our station affairs.

Long ere this you must have had Mr. Herri-
able letter giving you an account of our physical
and financial state. Since that was written
we have for the most part had good health
as a station. An exception there is, however
in the case of little Robert Hannum so that it
seems more than ever desirable that he should
be away from India before another rain-
season. Other invalidism among us is of the
kind likely to be done away with by a change
to the hills.

Health
Mission
affairs

Excursion to see ~~the~~ ^{the eclipse}
The eclipse of Jan^y 22nd was an event of great
interest to us. Although it was a sight well worth
seeing here it was not total in Kolhapur. But the
chief dignitaries of the Kolhapur State kindly arranged
an excursion to Amba a place on the borders of the
state not very far from the centre of the belt of totality.
You probably remember Amba on the summit of
the Western Ghats where you stopped with Mr. Herd
and Mr and Mrs Hannum on your Ratnagiri trip
in 1892. Most of our station accepted the invitation
to join the excursion and they greatly enjoyed
the outing, the eclipse, the entertainment and all.
Messrs Seiler and Hannum were out touring at
the time and they went to Vishalgaon an old
fort on the ghât south of Amba, to see the eclipse
from that high point and to preach in those "regions
beyond". This experience is worth telling but you
will doubtless have an opportunity of hearing it from
Mr Hannum himself.

Church organized at Wadgaon
A well attended meeting of Presbytery was held
here on Feb^r 10th. Owing chiefly to the difficulty
in getting passes to clear the quarantine station on our
railway none of the American brethren except the members
of this station were present. A petition to organize
a church at Wadgaon was presented from the
Christians of the Wad-gaon district. Wad-gaon
I dare say you remember is a market town about
twelve miles from Kolhapur - and we have had
work going on there for years - There is in Wadgaon
itself only one family of Christians, (the helpers)

but in four neighbouring villages there are others, and these people united in representing to the Committee appointed by Presbytery to confer with them that they desired a church organization that they might have regular services and have the Lord's Supper statedly administered to them without their having to come to Kolhapur to partake of it. Accordingly the committee organized the church. It consists of thirty adults and some twenty children. These people are very poor so that they can scarcely expect to support a pastor for some time to come. One of the missionaries will be their Stated Supper and Suddarane Peraji, the helper at Wad-gar who has done good work among them will continue to do so and in time he may be ordained pastor over them.

^{Girls' Boarding School}
The Girls' Boarding School closed its cold-season session on the 17th inst. and by noon the next day the girls were all off to their homes. save the few little orphaned children to whom the school is home. Glad they were to go - for they like all children enjoy a change; and still more glad they will be to return for the school is to all of them a real home in which they have more comforts - refinement, consideration and care than with their parents. This session is shorter than usual partly because the school had no October vacation this year and partly because "the cut" does not allow a full term.

Departure of Hannums - Plague

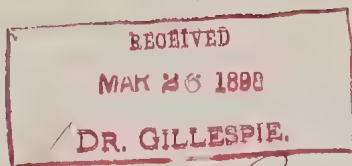
When the plague is at large we feel it to be
very near to us in every sense - It is only the knowledge
that the cordage of our Father's loving care is
around us all that keeps us from being over-anxious.
Before this month is out our station will be the
worse by the departure of Mr and Mrs Hannum;
the large places occupied by them will be vacant.
I fear it will be vacant until they return for each
one of us has his own work - We commend them
to you knowing you will receive them cordially
and further their plans tending to the restoration of Mrs
Hannum's health and send them back to us as soon
as you can -

Our affectionate and cordial greetings to
you - Sincerely yours -

A. M. Gohun;

for J. M. Gohun -

(For the Kolhapur Station)



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Penguinla, Patnagiri District. India
Feb 22nd 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie.

I have recently in moving from Patnagiri to this place, come across this report which I presented some sixteen months ago, to the Mission & which was the basis of its action in the matter of self-support. I remember that in one of Dr Brown's letters there was a request that the Com^{tee} on that subject would send the Board a copy of its report.

Since this report was in large measure adopted, and put into practice by our Mission, and approved by the Board in General & used elsewhere; - and since now another Annual Meeting of the Mission and a year of practice & that in unfavorable circumstances), has not brought any alteration in the new principles and rules adopted in accordance with this report; - it may be that the officers of the Board might have some use for the report itself, at least more than I would have in my pigeon-hole, & hence I send it to you.

The report now sent just as presented & used in our Annual Meeting of Oct 1896, consists of the following parts.

1. Information collected from various sources on the subject of self-support - pages 1-12.
2. Reasons for making some change of policy on this subject. p 12
3. Reasons for adopting some of the principles of Dr Nevins. p 13.
4. Reasons for obtaining some paid agency. p 14.

5. Reasons for a definite standard & scale of pay for paid agents. p. 14.
6. Suggestions as to the adjustment of the Hevins method to the Grant system p. 15.
7. Particular principles of Self support recommended for adoption. p. 16.
8. Rules on Standard & Scale of pay " " " p. 17-21

If you can find any further good use for
this manuscript you are welcome.

With kindest regards

Yours faithfully,
E. W. Brown

I am sending it under separate cover. B. L.

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Tengurla, Ratiagiri Collectrate,
India. February 23rd 1898.

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MAR 26 1898

DR. GILLESPIE.

Rev. John Gillespie D.D.

106 Fifth Avenue, New York City,
United States of America.

Dear Dr Gillespie:-

Wms. Irwin

There have been many changes since the last Bimonthly letter was written for Ratiagiri Station. I have been appointed to write the one for February, so will try to acquaint you with the principal work of our Station during the last two months.

On account of plague, quarantine & the powers that be, our last Mission-Meeting was postponed until December 14th which inconvenienced those who wished to, come early in the cold season. However we had a very good Meeting, & I believe we had God's special blessing upon it, because of the spiritual & prayerful atmosphere at the beginning & during the Meeting.

There were two requests for transfer from our Station this year.

Annual Meeting

Transfer of
Dr. Wilson

The Mission saw its way clear to grant one, that of Dr Wilson. His reasons for the request were that he thought Ratuagiri did not need him as much as Miraj did, & that he needed the practice which he could get in Miraj Hospital, also that he could assist in the medical class there. I will just say here that I think Dr Wilson did not stay in Ratuagiri long enough to know the needs of the Field.

Mr. Irwin's
request for
transfer
not granted

Mr Irwin's reasons for requesting transfer were these - 1st The necessary work of the Station & District was too much for one ordained man without help.

2nd Mrs Irwin's health has uniformly & rapidly declined in such circumstances, not being able to leave the Station at proper times. This request was not granted, but Mr & Mrs Wilson were transferred from Kolhapur to Ratuagiri to help, also Basant Rao Thakur. On account of Mrs Wilson's approaching confinement, Mr & Mrs Wilson will be absent from their Station - at Mahabaleshwar - until June.

In the meantime they have been assigned by the Station-to Station work, & we to District work, hence we address you from Tengurla, our present headquarters. On our arrival in Ratnagiri from Mission-Meeting, we had expected to baptize Vitabao - an enquirer - but again at the last moment, pecuniary difficulties kept him from professing Christ.

We arrived in Tengurla on January 25," & after making proper agreement with the owner of the Bungalow, we decided to stay here for some time to test the climate & suitability of Tengurla & Savantwadi for a Station.

We are glad to report that the people here are very receptive & seem eager to hear what we believe & why we believe it.

Misses Minor, Jefferson, Husworth & Ferguson have been out on tour in the middle part of our District, & report that the people who were helped during the famine season have been the means of opening doors to them, & have listened attentively themselves to the

at
Tengurla

Summing
the ladies

Mr. Irwin
Secy for Z.B.M.
M.

Gospel story.

Mr. Irwin has been made Secretary for the Z.B.M.M. Ladies-by Mission action. We had expected a visit from Mr. Cavalier, the London Secretary for the Z.B.M.M. - but time did not permit his coming to Dengurola. We are planning to go to Mahableshwar in a few days for the hot season, as we both feel the need of a change, & are feeling the bad effect of staying in Ratuagiri all the year round.

We must take care of our health for we feel very strongly that the Lord wants us to keep & use our strength for His Service. Please pray for us that we may be guided in all our plans & work for this part of our field.

Yours very Sincerely
in the Master's Service
Helen M. Irwin

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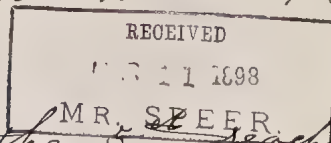
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The Rev. Robert E. Speer -
New York City
Dear Speer -

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Montclair, N. J.
March 10 1898



Your letter of the 3rd reached me last night, and I am submitting the Rev. W. J. Prothingham's invitation to Matt. You know that I am a man under authority, having placed my services at the disposal of the Student Volunteer Movement. as soon as Matt writes me I shall communicate with Mr. Prothingham, N.Y.

Would it be possible for you to get for me a clerical order from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company similar to the one you gave my sister.

Wrote for permit Mar. 11-98
H.B.

I hope that you are remembering the Seminary work in your prayers. ask that I may always be led in triumph in Christ and that the Savour of His knowledge may be known through me in every place.

Yours in the highest friendship
Robert P. Wilder

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My dear Dr. Wheeler.

I had hoped
to talk with you concern-
ing the enclosed letter
to our Missionaries.

My plan of coming
to see you this morning
has been changed because
of the weather and I
therefore enclose the enclosed.
Mr. Richard I had a talk
with Dr. Brown and with

Dr. Erving was much en-
-couraged by what was said
to me. And by the fact that
some in other denomina-
-tions are being led to con-
-sider similar plans for
discovering workers in un-
-occupied fields.

A very large part of the
region nominally held
by our mission remains
as yet unoccupied.

1097 villages are reported
for the Khaspur Kingdom

and ^{over} 1300 (thirteen hundred)
in Ratanagiri Collectorate.

I want your blessing and
prayer ^{and advice} in behalf of this effort.

Please return the enclosures
to me at

26 St. Luke's St.

Montclair - N. J.

March 21st/98.

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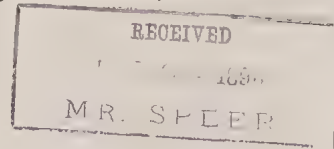
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Philadelphia, Pa., March 22nd, 1898.

Rev. Robt. E. Speer,

#156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City,



My dear Speer:-

Many thanks for your kind letter of 15th inst. I feel under deep obligations to you for taking so much trouble to secure a Clerical permit for me over the Pennsylvania Lines East of Pittsburg. I hope you will prove successful in your efforts.

God has blessed the work in the Seminaries since the Cleveland Convention. Two more Seminaries have joined the Movement and three others are upon the point of joining. I have been bearing down heavily upon the necessity of deputation work among the churches. Theological students seem to be waking up to their privilege and responsibility along this line, and we shall have, with God's blessing, a strong campaign among the churches the coming Summer.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Robert P. Wilder

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Mahablisthwar, India
March 25th 1898

Rev. John Gillespie D.D.

156 Fifth Ave.

New York

My dear Dr. Gillespie.

Mrs Jolly and I very much appreciated your letter received some time ago in which you spoke of having seen our dear children at Wooster. They wrote us at the time about your visit and seemed very much pleased at having seen you and appreciated the kind words you spoke to them. I was very glad to hear from you that they seemed to be contented in their new home, and that a kindly interest was taken in them by the friends at Wooster.

You doubtless heard from others of the outbreak of Bubonic plague in Sangli and of the school there

being dismissed before the usual time. We were very glad the boys got away from Sangli when they did, for things have been going from bad to worse since and the plague seems pretty general now in all parts of the city.

We had hoped that with the advent of the hot season the disease would die out as it apparently did last year in Bombay, but we have hoped in vain for there are as many deaths as ever. the death rate in Sangli being about 130 per thousand per annum and of those who have taken the plague in Sangli not one so far as we know has recovered.

We are thankful that the Christians have escaped so far and we trust the Lord will continue to keep them in safety all thro' this dreadful disease. The heathen Chief of Sangli

has been asking the question - "How is it that when other people of every caste are dying of plague that these Christians escape?"

I came up to Mahabliashwar after the school closed 6 weeks ago.

I have been completing the alterations and repairs on the Mission bungalow here and "Mt Douglas" as it is called is now in very good order and is a great boon to our mission.

In the estimates for Sangli station a sum was put in to complete the industrial work shop building.

The sum now asked was granted in the appropriations for the year 1893-4 but owing to our return to America it was not used.

The sum asked for was originally given for the Sangli work shop building by Mr Sailer of Princeton. I hope it is still available and

that it will be placed in the
appropriations for the coming year.

I am thankful to be able
to say that we all enjoy good
health and hope that Mrs
Gidlapie yourself & family enjoy
the same blessing.

With kindest regards I remain

Sincerely Yours

John Jolly.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

Foreign Missions Club
149 Highbury New Park
London, England

31 March 1898
Dear Dr. Gillespie:

You will perhaps be glad to hear that our party has come safe thus far toward America. We landed at Trieste on the 17th March and reached Venice the night of that day. We stopped at Milan over Sunday from 19th to 21st, spent the night of the 21st at Lucerne and reached Paris on the evening of the 22nd. There we rested from travel till the 25th when we reached Calais. On account of stormy weather we were obliged to stay there till Saturday night. The gale was so strong that the boats had ceased to run to Dover. Our quarters at Calais were

on board at New York and help us through
the Custom House etc.

Yours Faithfully,
William L. Cannon.

so uncomfortable that we decided that we could get the better Sabbath rest by arriving in London on Sabbath morning. Thus we reached this Club on the morning of the 27th.

We find this Club not only comfortable, but delightful. I am engaging the Atlantic passage through the Club's agency. I have arranged for passage by the S. S. Cumpania sailing from Liverpool on 9th April, and am this evening advised by the agents that the cabins chosen (second saloon) are available. I deferred writing you till I could say thus much.

We have kept well, except that little Robert has been often threatened with croup. The weather has been very cold.

Please have your porter meet us

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" Port-Said, Egypt
12 March 1898

The Lord has brought us safe
thus far. We are sailing on the
S.S. "Imperator" as planned, having
left-Bombay on 1st inst.

Yours sincerely - A. H. Hannun

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26 St. Luke's Place
March 28th
1898.

My dear Speer -

Please let me know at what time
tomorrow you can see me.

On Wednesday night or early Thursday
morning I expect to start on a western trip,
not returning, I.V., until May. So I hope
you can allow me some of your time
tomorrow.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours affectionately

Robert P. Wilder
26 St. Luke's Place,
Montclair,
N. Jersey.

Muraj near 30/38
D. Agre. saying 4/27
Sangli -
New York *Businessman*

My dear Dr. Gillespie ✓ *Dr. Williams*

There are two or three matters regarding which I intended to write you this week but owing to their business nature & the lack of "official" paper I must postpone my letter until next mail.

I am here alone in the station the other members of the station all being at Mahabaleshwar.

I expect to secure a month in the hills from the latter part of next month when Dr. Wilson expects to come down & take the work in my absence.

The plague is worse than ever in & around Sangli there being between 40 & 50 deaths weekly in a total population now reckoned to about 10,000. A couple of months ago I was asked by the Political Agent of Kolhapur & the D.M.C. to visit Sangli & suggest to the native (local) government plans for the stamping out of the disease.

I made two visits week over
the ground inspecting the Sanitary
condition of the town & selected
sites for quarantine segregation
camps etc. I drew down plans
& sent in a number of suggestions
in writing. They were pronounced
very good by the Political Agents
who said later that they were being
carried out but unfortunately most
of the suggestions all of which were
based on successful operation
here & elsewhere, are still in
dead letter. The fact is the local
body there, particularly its head,
is so utterly corrupt & superstitious
abounded so among those ^{unscrupulous}
authorities that the prospect of stamping
out the plague by means of
straightforward efficient
measures seems small at
present. When the plague broke
out in Saugli the authorities aided
by the people concealed the fact
of its presence until there had
been some 30 deaths & the disease
had spread to several parts
of the town. The people were
then turned loose into the
fields to live in straw huts
plague cases exposed persons
all so that now instead

of there being two or three foci
of infection there are dozens.
Little or no restraint was put
upon the people in their fields
& this greatly added to the
spread of the disease. I saw
one case where a dozen people
were gathered about passing
the man dying ~~of~~ ^{with} the disease
one of the most effective means
of contracting the ~~disease~~ ^{infection}.
With the exception of Saugli the
plague is decreasing in most
of the districts in this Presidency.
In some places where it was
exceedingly virulent it has
been stamped out completely.
Poona is now declared to
be free from the disease
& the ~~city~~ ^{city} is resuming its
natural appearance. During
the week ending the 18th inst
there were some 1600 deaths
from plague alone in Bombay
^{the highest mortalities recorded,}
This followed the recent riots
when operations against the
spread of the disease were
temporary ^{or partially} suspended.
There have been no deaths
among the Christian community
at Saugli. Some time after the
school was closed & the boys

Sent to their homes I inoculated the remaining Christian families together with the servants & their families. Mr Graham was the first to be inoculated as an example to the natives. The serum used was Prof Haffkine's (Praphylactic). Few cases inoculated with this serum have subsequently contracted the disease & it is a matter of great surprise & wonder in India that Govt does not more generally adopt the use of this excellent preventive measure. Mon Haffkine is not an Englishman perhaps that explains it.

In consequence of the plague in the villages & districts in this region missionary itinerating have been necessarily at a stand still. I had planned a tour with Mr Munson but was obliged to abandon it on account of the difficulty of travel occasioned by quarantine.

The medical work here has been greatly crippled for the same reasons & hence we are not able to reach nearly so many people as usual from distant & outlying villages. The attendance from Miraj

is however better than usual & I enjoy instructing them even though there are not so many new faces as usual.

At present I am acting as the Chief Plague authority - a purely voluntary service - for the state & this has its influence in bringing persons to our services & under gospel instruction whom we would not easily reach by other means.

The fact that our services are appreciated & the efforts thus far have proved successful in keeping the plague from the City & State while it has been epidemic on all sides of us well I think have its influence for good in behalf of the Lord's work.

At any rate inasmuch as our work is likely to remain serious & crippled while the plague abounds I do not think we have erred in giving a part of our time to the state for the physical welfare of the people.

At present I give from half to an hour daily to the work above referred to my regular duties being in no way interrupted & what I am doing has as I know the unanimous

Sanction of the Missionaries

God is severely visiting this land. O that the people were quickened to see His hand & hear His voice on this time of famine earthquake & pestilence.

I am thankful to say that the health of all our missionaries at present seem to be good. Though most all are just now at the hills. Only the Goleens & Mrs. Ferris are at Panhala this year (or are yet to go. they were in Kolhapur a few days ago). All the others, excepting Burrakinor & Jefferson who are still at Patungiri, are at Mahabaleshwar. Mr. Robt. Wilder put his Mahabaleshwar bungalow at the service of the mission this year thus making it possible for more to go there than is usual.

Our little Ethel has not forgotten her friends in New York who were so kind to her during

the absence of her parents.

If Mr. Wankens were here here I am sure she would join me in Christian greeting to Mr. Gillespie, ^{yourself} & your daughter.

With kindest regards to & prayer for you all in the Board Rooms.

Sincerely & cordially yours

W. J. Wankens

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RUTH ROUSE.

Robert E. Speer, Esq.
New York City.

Chester, Ohio.
April 5th 1898

My dear Speer

Please let me know at your earliest convenience what the Council think about our remaining here another year for work among Theological Students. It seems that we must decide soon since so much hinges upon our decision. In case we do not stay I should let

Mr. Matt know soon, and in case we remain I should provide for the continuance of the work in Poona at once.

I have been much in prayer that you may be helped in presenting this matter to your colleagues. The feeling of the Secretaries will carry much weight. Will you not join us in prayer that we may find our fellow workers will in this matter?

Your affectionate friend

Robert P. Wilder.

to Mrs. H. C. Swift

Ypsilanti,

Michigan

Apr. 7-8

Theological Seminary

Holland, I'

Mich.

April - 9-10

"Blessed is the people that know the trumpet sound: they walk O Lord in the light of Thy countenance."

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Rev Jno Gillespie DD
156 Fifth Ave ✓
New York

My dear Dr Gillespie

Pending mission action
with regard to several matters referred
to in your letter to the Mission of
Feb'y 2nd I would like to make a few
statements especially with reference that portion
of your letter which speaks of this station.
First as regard the Committee appointed
by the Mission to confer with the Edinburgh
Medical Missionary Society concerning
the establishment of a branch of the
Agra Institute in connection with the
Hospital here I would say that the action
was not intended to commit the Mission
or the Board in any sense to any plan
or scheme whatsoever. The action was
taken in order to officially ascertain
if, in case this Mission & the Board
were agreeable, the Edinburgh Society
would undertake to train at its own
expense a class of ^{medical} students in connection

with the Miraj Hospital.

When the Mission action above referred to was taken I presented verbally to the Mission a plan which I was encouraged to believe through a letter from Dr Vallentyne might be carried out, a plan which if carried out we thought would relieve the Board of some expense, while at the same time it would provide for the need of a second physician in this station & enlarge the ^{the scope of the} work as well.

But before giving you the plan as it suggested itself to some of us & as it was presented to the Mission let me say that the importance of this branch of the medical work here has year by year become more & more apparent.

It was the largely on account of the medical class that led to the location of Dr Wilson, at Miraj for a year in order that while engaged in the study of the language & while waiting for an appropriation wherewith to open medical work in the Concan he might aid in instructing our Christian medical students.

You have doubtless noticed the somewhat
 lengthy reference to the Medical Class
 in the Annual Station report for last
 year — so that only a word here may be
 added. It does seem to us as a mission,
 & I believe the mission to be practically
 unanimous in the opinion, that if
 we are to have the medical evangelists
 so urgently needed in this field we must
 train them ourselves. The Kodoli
 Dispensary has been closed for nearly
 three years for lack of a suitable Christian
 evangelist. In Miraj we have, as yet,
 only one native Christian medical assistant.
 Mr Isaac Abraham the Head Compounder
 who can be classed as qualified. All
 the others are all students & all but one
 in their first year. If it were not for
 the presence of Dr Wilson & Miss Foster
 at Miraj it would be exceedingly difficult
 under the present conditions to conduct
 this large work. When Dr Wilson leaves
 Miraj & until we can secure another physician
 from home or until we will have trained
 two or three native Christians it will be

impossible for me to leave the station for more than a day or two ^{at a time} without seriously crippling the work. We have a splendid field for medical missionary itineration but until we have additional help I do not see how it will be possible for me to ^{regularly} give any time to this very important work.

Of course while Dr. Wilson is here I will be able to plan a tour if guarantees are lifted, as I trust they will be before the next touring season. But I would like to enjoy the prospect of regular duration.

With regard to the plan then it was briefly as follows. (1) The Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society to take over the medical class as it now exists & by the appointment of a European physician for this work continue the class as a branch of the Agra Medical Missionary Training Institute. The class to be enlarged & students accepted from other Missionary Societies in Western India without expense to our mission we to provide only for the support of suitable students from our own mission & limited in number to suit our requirements.

(2) The Edinburgh Society to bear the expense of ^{enlarging} conducting the class. (3) The Edinburgh Society's physician to reside on the mission premises & in lieu of the assistance which the physician of our mission would give in teaching the Edinburgh Society's physician to take charge of the Hospital & Dispensary work in general during the absences on furlough etc of the physician of our mission. (4) The students to spend a part of their time, as they do at present, in dispensary & hospital work & also as a part of their training to engage in the evangelistic work of the station.

Now I do not know that the Edinburgh Society would agree entirely to this plan. However, I am encouraged to believe that they would be glad to ~~aid~~ us in the work of training medical evangelists. Some months ago a conference of medical missionaries held at the hill station Patacamund in South India recommended the establishment of a 2nd Medical Missionary

Tramming Institute somewhere in Southern
India & it was this that led me to write
Dr Vallentine on the subject while he
was in Scotland last year. He read
my letter to the Edinburgh Society
& replying stated that the idea was favorably
received by the Society. So far as I know
no formal action ^{as yet} has been taken by
the Edinburgh Society & of course we
cannot positively say that they would
be willing to form such an alliance
under any circumstances but maximum
as this is their particular work
it might help to conserve missionary
energy & promote the general cause
in Western India if an arrangement
similar to the one outlined above
could be attained.

Another reason which I have for proposing
this plan is the fact that the Agra
Medical Missionary Training Institute
is not suited for students from the part
of India since the studies are all conducted
in Hindustani ^{Christian} Students will be
found in Western India who have

anything more than a ^{very} limited knowledge of that language. We sent one student to Agra & he studied in English but this knowledge has since been withdrawn by the faculty of the Govt. School from which the missionary students take their certificate or degree. The student Rufus Burder sent by this mission to Agra was too far away to be controlled by us & has been lost to our mission in consequence.

Still another argument for the plan is the fact of our splendid hospital equipment here probably the best medical missionary plant in southern & western India making it possible to establish a good sized missionary evangelists school at a small cost. The situation too for such an institution could hardly be better.

You will notice in the mission estimates that we have asked for a lady physician for Miraj. Our thought was in asking for her was that in case the plan proposed above turns out to be impracticable

we might with the aid of a medical lady continue to conduct the Medical class as at present & even enlarge it a little while her presence in the station would enable me to ~~stewards~~ ^{regulate}.

In view of what I have said with regard to the Edinburgh Society & the Committee appointed by our Mission to correspond with that Society any ^{further} action by us, ^{as a Mission} would be premature until we have received formal intimation of that Society's willingness to consider the proposition.

Personally I would like to have an expression from the Board or yourself on the general question or principles involved. If after what I have said the Board may conclude the alliance unwise or impracticable & can ^{now} express their judgment accordingly the whole question can be speedily & permanently dropped.

Let me say in conclusion that I have no personal desire in the matter except as it may advance the Master's Kingdom.

I shall therefore most gladly acquiesce
in what ever He will make stand to be
His will & praying that we all may
be divinely guided into the knowledge
of His will.

My cordial good
wishes

Postpone till after August 180

Miraj April 8/95

Resd Jas Gillespie D.D.

156 7th Ave

New York

My dear Dr Gillespie

There is a matter of some delicacy to which I feel it my duty to refer though it is not pleasant for me to do so & it is with regard to Miss Irwin who is now in America. I do not know what Miss Irwin's desire is with reference to returning to India but in my judgment it would be a mistake for her to do so. Personally I have nothing but the kindest feelings toward Miss Irwin & we have always been warm friends ^{but} for the sake of the work & Miss Irwin herself I do not think she should return to this country. Miss Irwin has an irritable & decidedly nervous temperament. Besides she is unusually uncongenial. I do not know of a single lady in the mission who would be willing to have her permanently as a companion.

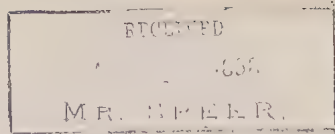
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worse. Even her own sister in law
found it extremely difficult to get
along agreeably in the same house with
her. Again Miss Irwin has not made
much of a success of the language
this is apparent to all of us.

Miss Irwin I believe to be a good
Christian woman & I know tries
to do her duty but the characteristics
above referred to wholly unfit her
for mission work in a climate like
that of India. Now I do not know
whether any other member of the
mission may have written you with
regard to Miss Irwin through one of
the ladies recently associated with
her spoke of doing so.

I would conclude by suggesting that you
secure an expression of the mission
with regard to Miss Irwin's case ^{before confining her return} &
trusting that you will confidently regard
what I have written. I remember a kind
rebuttal you furnished me while in India
with regard to a certain young missionary
in South India whose conduct you suggested it was
my duty to report to the Board.
Faithfully & sincerely yours
J. W. W. J.



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ST. JOSEPH, Mich. April 12 1898

My dear Speer -

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 8th in which you write: "There will be no objection on the part of the Council here to your plan of devoting another year to the Seminary work."

This practically decides the question. The call came so unexpected & unanimously that my wife and I felt compelled to consider it.

As we have waited upon God for guidance the impression deepened that we should remain for another year of work in the Seminary; but I did not feel like deciding without the consent of the Council.

God has graciously answered prayer in the letter which you write.

May that the best provision may be made for the continuance of

the work in Poona.

Affectionately Your friend
Robert H. Wilder
c/o Prof. J. Ross Stevenson.
& Chalmers Place,
Chicago,
Ill.

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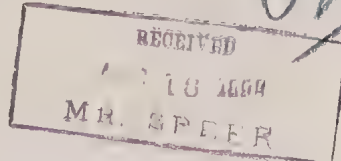
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April 15th, 1898.



Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Speer:

After reaching the conclusion mentioned in my last letter to you, the great burden on my heart was the securing of some able man to carry on the work in Poona until my return (D.V.) in 1899. While thinking and praying I came into contact with Mr. F.W. Lewis, of McCormick Seminary. For a long time Lewis has felt drawn towards student work in India, but he reached the conclusion after his conference with you that there was no hope of his being sent to India for any kind of work under our Board this year. Lewis is willing to go to India this fall. Prof. Stevenson regards him as an exceptionally strong man intellectually and spiritually. Please see if the Council think that there is any possibility of his being sent out under our Board to Poona this year. In case the Board is unable to send him we shall try to have the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association send him out, with the proviso that in case the Board sends my wife and me to Poona next year, to continue the student work, the International Committee shall either transfer him to some other point in India or make such arrangements that nothing will interfere with our Board's continuing the Poona work in case it desires to do so. Lewis feels called to student work. For many reasons he would prefer to do this work under our Board. It is very necessary that the matter be decided soon since I expect to sail early in May, so please answer as soon as possible.

You will be glad to hear that Hamilton and Oberlin Theological Seminaries have joined our movement. God is blessing the work: continue to remember it in your prayers.

Affectionately your friend,

Robert P. Wilder

Bi. Monthly
Letter

From
Kolhapur
Station

April
1898.

*in letter
with the letter
to Mr. Gillespie*

Mahabaleshwar, India, Apr 21, 1898
Rev. Dr John Gillespie,

Secy to 156, 5th Ave. N.Y.

My Dear Dr Gillespie:

E. M. Seiler

I came to M'war with my family and Miss Patton at the end of Feb. Though I have been absent from Kolhapur, I have been kept informed of things wise and otherwise there. As you must be aware, we came with Mr and Mrs Hammon and our daughter Julia as far as Watar, where we bade them good-bye and came here, 40 miles, in a carriage. Miss Patton had not had a rest and change for two years, and Dr Wauless had so strongly insisted on Mrs Seiler's coming up here even a year before, that it seemed imperative for us to come this season. Last year, moreover, imposed such a strain on us all that we needed this change of air and environment. Miss Patton and my wife & children are considerably improved in appearance and health.

Your letter to the Station with Duplicate for our Mission Secretary, was received several weeks ago. We enjoyed it. As to the length of vacation in the hot season, it is natural to advise that it should not be more than a month or six weeks, especially if taken every year, but, in comparing the length of vacation

*Length of
vacations*

in North India with that in our Mission, which is about 15° or 16° N. Lat. it should be borne in mind that up North the weather in Nov. Dec. and Jan. is very cold and bracing, whilst here there is comparatively little difference between the cool and hot seasons. Due consideration will doubtless be given by all to your suggestion; but this season we came up here at the end of Feb., and now to go back to Kolhapur in the midst of the hot season would perhaps neutralize the benefit of our stay here. I should have said that we three are in Mr R. P. Wilder's house rent-free.

Mr and Mrs Goheen and Mrs. Ferris were in Kolhapur all through the hot month of March, and early in Apr. they went to Panhala. Mrs Ferris was not well, and was much in need of rest. Mr Goheen comes to Kolhapur every week on business connected with the Station and out-stations. He is supplying, five Sundays, the pulpit of the Kolhapur pastor, who took a vacation this year.

In February, a woman named Kashabai, once a pupil in Mrs Hull's school 19 years ago, and latterly a teacher of a little low caste school, was baptized, along with her husband and three other adults at Wadgaon. She has begun already to give women and children in her husband's native village (Varada) Christian instruction.

Last month a young married woman at Herla was baptized. She wished to be baptized two or three years ago,

Some time
ago
Mrs
Goheen
& Mr
Ferris

Native
baptized
men

but her mother-in-law opposed her. Lately the former was converted, so the young woman's wish was consummated.

I am spending a part of my time in preparing to lecture to the Theol. Class at Kolhapur in the rains. "General Prophecy in the New Testament, especially Revelation" is not a very easy subject.

I occasionally preach to villagers in the bazar & elsewhere and distribute tracts; also give religious instruction to natives in the compound twice a week. Had a stout argument in the bazar the other day.

Mrs Ferris has charge of some girls of the Boarding School who have not homes to go to in vacation.

We hope that it will not be necessary to cut us so much this year, especially as we made our estimates so close. Our country seems to be on the verge of war with Spain; and to say nothing of the horrors of war, our Heavenly Father alone knows how adversely it would affect our work through limited contributions by the Churches.

Yours Most Sincerely,
G. W. Seiler.
For Kolhapur Station.

Personal work

Hopes the cut will not be so large

I expect that our League allow
 me to receive special gifts for
 the enlargement of our
 Sunday School Buildings
 & to be understood that
 these gifts are in addition
 to the regular contributions
 to the Board.

The Anti. Union by the

Misses For Girls School 700
 Sangli " Boys 1167

Grace E. Wilder

Apr. 25th 1888.

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PAID
MAY 11 1898
BY C. H. GILLESPIE

250 North 19th Street
Philadelphia Pa.

3 May 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Your kind
letter was received yesterday.

My wife is indeed progressing
well. The operation occurred
a week ago this morning
at Dr. Price's hospital.

I hope she will be able to
start for Columbus in two
weeks or less now

As to the tea, I find on
my day-book the following

492
85

45.77

charges:

Teascher & Co. Ltd, Bombay	
10 lbs. Tea Rs 11.14.	\$ 3.85
Thos. Cook & Son, London	
Custom on Tea 4s. 4d.	<u>1.07</u>
Total	<u>4.92.</u>

That is all that you owe me for the tea. The freight charges on the box containing it have been set down against the Board. If you think it necessary to repay the Board's Treasury, the proportionate amount would probably not be more than 85¢.

We are thankful to be in the homeland, and that my wife and boy are improving in health.

Yours Sincerely,
William R. Hannum.



250 N. 19th Street
Philadelphia Pa
7th May 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie.

Your kind
letter enclosing check \$577
came to hand last night. I
thank you I have credited
the Board with 85¢ as you
suggest

My wife is still
improving, though I do not
know just when she can
leave the hospital

I hope you will find the tea good. I got the one pound packages because I could get it fresher so than in the box of 10 pounds.

Yours Sincerely,
William H. Hannum.

P.S. - A plan has been proposed for me to make a tour of addresses under the management of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Columbus Presbytery. Before confirming this, I would ask whether you have any suggestion as to how I should spend my time

Yours
W. H. Hannum

Believe me
Very cordially
and sincerely
Lucy H. Jones
Phoebe asks
to whom I
am writing,
and says to
please give
her love to
you.

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Panhala, near Kolhapur. India
May 12th 1888

Dear Doctor Ellsperie:

~~Shall I astonish you if I~~
write just because I want to do so & not
because of any special business, nor because
it is my turn to write the bi-monthly. I
am having such a good time up here, doing
things I have little time to do in Kolhapur,
while engaged in regular work. Such things
as answering all my letters, devoting myself
to my little daughter's lessons and resting and
reading.

My friends and supporters are so generous to
me with letters as well as boxes, but while
I like to write to them, I always feel my
work takes up my time, so during my
holiday in the hot season, it is my first pleasure
to write all I can.

Again being in school, teaching and helping
to care for the pupils, I find little
time outside to have Phoebe's lessons. While
^{she} was so delicate I did not worry, but for a
year she has been so well, that I realize the need

of regular instruction in English. There is no
one I can get over no school to which I can
send her, so you can fancy how I enjoy the
quiet of a change up here and a few weeks
un-interrupted lessons with her.

As you are aware, from other sources, we
closed our Girls' School on Feb. 17th instead of
the close of March. The strict quarantine
which with God's blessing has so far kept out
the Plague from Kolhapur, would have obliged
many of our pupils to spend ten days in a
quarantine camp on their return to school,
if we had given them an October vacation.
It seemed wiser to keep on without that
vacation, closing school a month earlier.

Miss Patton had no change last year, so she
went to Mahabaleshwar on Feb. 25th & will return
the last week of May. I staid in Kolha-
pur mending school clothes and getting my
own house repaired and then with the five
orphans who have no home to go to, I came
up here on April 7th, at my own expense
as there was no money to use on conveyance
for me or for these orphans.

If our vacation be limited to six weeks, I fear I shall over-run the time, for there seems little use of my keeping Phoebe in the heat of Kholapur, when I am neglecting my duty by being up here.

Do you remember the drive from our bungalow in Kholapur to the bungalow up here is about fourteen miles, and also that from my little house (which Mr. Davis used) and the Pehene, that Panhala rises its head just eight miles directly before us. Some day I mean to send or give the Board a little oil or water color sketch of the Kholapur compound, seeing Panhala. One of our Christian men has just done a fair one for one and is to do some more for one also.

The difference of elevation is only about a thousand feet; but the temperature is generally from ten to fifteen degrees cooler up here.

I am out in the house up here where you staid with me, and where we lived for about thirty or forty years, but I am in Faith Cottage, the little house built by us missionaries, close by.

You can imagine how full the old place and surroundings are of associations for me. One thing I am very cowardly about and that is that - I can not go into the town here to visit. I've tried it but the women, as is their native custom still weep & wail over my sorrow & bereavement and I can not bear it - so I stay in my little house.

As I had not been at Pantheon for over a year and a half, I have felt checked to see what retrenchment and the 'cut' have had to do with the buildings here. No money, means no repairs, and no repairs in this very wet place means rapidly decaying buildings. It looks as if one or two years of deficient repairs would almost destroy some of the houses on our property. The same is true

of the other stations, where perhaps there is less rain, but where the April winds take off portions of roofs and the insatiable white ant continues his depredations.

My little house was caving in as the ants had destroyed three of the main timbers. I said but it cave in for I do not see where

in Bombay they are waging war on it and
in March alone 3688 were killed by tigers or
men. Before the outbreak in Calcutta, which
was so thoroughly protected by quarantine, there
were dead rats found in store-houses in which
grain just-bought-from Bombay was stored.
Other rats, dead or sick were found in the
Bazar and thus people began to sicken.
Up to date, the recorded deaths show that
Government-wards of over 86,000 deaths from
plague alone since August 1896.

I hope my son Chauncey has called upon
you in your offices. The office in which
he is working has moved into the Tribune
Building and is called The Republic here or
New York Printing Co. He found his room
near the First Church convenient for his writing
there & so presented his letter there. Mr. Whipple
is the Pastor is he not?

I trust I have not been too wearisome nor
hampering in my thoughts but I did want to
write to you in return for your letter of Feb. 3rd
while I have time for the writing and am hurried.
We long for the arrival of our appropriations sheets

there is any money for it. We retained only 100 Rs in Hochapur repairs and that was spent by Mr. Harnum alone. As every one said it was most dangerous I said to go ahead and do what was right. I myself gave Rs 50 but the expense for a few new timbers, new ceiling and such other things as nails &c came to 198 Rs. We sent in the account to the auditing Committee as an expense, but I do not know what they will do with it. It is most probable, that the roof would have fallen in, in the coming rains and the expense has quadrupled to repair it.

The Plague still continues but has abated somewhat in Bombay, Poona & Sangli, but it has moved up to Karachi, the whole of the Punjab and Calcutta. Over there, the people are as panic stricken they are running away or rioting grievously. Undoubtedly the Rat is a prime factor in the spread of the disease. The Plague is fatal to that rodent, but it travels far before it dies and it seems to take the Plague into all the houses where it goes. Now

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DR. GILLESPIE

Kolhapur, India

May 27 1898

Rev. J. Gillespie D.D.

Resy 156, 5th Ave. N.Y.

My Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Your letter of Apr. 14th to the Mission reached us about a fortnight ago, also the Appropriations enclosed in it. The letter is freighted with records of important actions by the Board and gives us much to think about.

I returned on the 25th inst from Mahabaleshwar with my family and Miss Patton. It happened that more of us than usual were at Mahabaleshwar this season. In 12 years Mrs. S. and I were there three times and in 8 1/2 years previous to 1881 I had been there 3000s. (in 1875) I hope the D^o will not think it necessary for Mrs. S. to go again for several years at least, as she is much improved in health.

As we thought we had the reputation of being an economical Mission, I am sorry that our Estimates appeared to be on an "enormous" scale. As I was in the U. S. in times when I heard it said that it was harder to collect \$5 than it had been to collect \$50 two or three years before. I have been counseling economy here wherever it can be exercised; I have

been slow to favor the establishment of new stations because it generally involves the necessity of building a bungalow, and the brethren know well how I insist on making the houses smaller.

Exclusive of estimates in Class 8th I surely think our estimates for Kolhapur at least (which I remember better) are moderate, so much so that in most cases we left no margin whatever for cutting, and as I understand that we are not to cut our salaries I hardly see how we can cut.

Rs 4757 (Kolhapur's proportion) out. We are going to have a Station meeting tonight to see what we can do.

As to New Property in Class 8th most of the appropriations asked have been asked before, one or two of them four or five times I think, and I confess I doubted whether most of them would not be thrown out.

I think that much may be accomplished if we Missionaries are satisfied to hold our own and try to have competent native Christians spread out more - strange as this may seem to those who cry for the "Evangelization of the world in this generation". This would help largely to solve the pecuniary difficulty, but here another difficulty confronts us, and that is the slowness with which competent men are raised up and prepared for evang. work.

After long experience here, I am bound to say that most of our native material here is not promising, and if we want some point to be occupied by an exemplary Evangelist, we must generally wait for years. Rev. Dr. Fairbank who came to the Athabasca at B. C. F. M. Mission 52 years ago said in a Missionary Conference at Neahobles less 3 weeks ago, that he had not yet come across a native who when converted had deep religious convictions, and my experience is that they are very slow to get them afterwards. This is a condition of native character that does not tend to forward the operation of the New Principles. Our converts are almost entirely from the shiftless, depressed & despised poor classes - in a land where climate as well as other influences, has made them apathetic & unenterprising. Most of them are burdened with debts, sometimes lose their little crops by drought & disease, are boycotted &c. So when we go to the villagers we can hardly get any spiritual work done, even more, because of the precedence taken by appeals for temporal aid. So I hope that if in our relations with the Board and our correspondence "money" often seems the prominent subject, you will kindly make allowance and remember that much ^{missed work} is being done here the details of which you are not in a position to know. I notice more and more a weakening of the form-

Sations of Hinduism and I am purposing to do more
work again among the higher classes here. I will let
you know from time to time what I shall be doing.

In closing, I think I can say that all of us are
trying & will try to be loyal to the Board, and be sub-
missive to such action as it thinks necessary.

We heard two weeks ago of Julia's safe arrival in
the U.S.; and last week we had a letter from her dat-
ed in Harrisburg, Pa. We are sweltering in
the heat here, and the monsoon will probably not
break for several weeks yet. With our joint regards,

I am Yours Sincerely,
G. W. Seiler

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DR. GILLESPIE.

139 1- Request for special appropriation
2- Letter from Mission re appropriations
3- Change of
Secretary
Ratnagiri, June 8, 1898. India.

Rev. John Gillespie, D.D.,

156 Fifth Ave, New York City U S A.

Dear Dr. Gillespie,

The following actions have been taken by the

Mission:-

/- In view of the unusually heavy cut on the appropriations for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1898 and the unavoidable expenditure in the Mission of Rs. 433 - 11 - 1 above the amount of the reduced appropriations, on account of plague and famine, **RESOLVED**, that we ask the Board for a grant of this amount from the medical fees received at Miraj between Nov. 1, 1897 and April 30, 1898, the amount to be distributed as follows:-

Kolhapur	Class VII	Rs. 139-7-8
Ratnagiri	Class IX	57-3-9-
Miraj	Class VI 47-10-1	
"	IX 189-5-7	236-15-8
Total		433-11-1

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2- Moved:- That the secretary be instructed to send the following letter to Dr. Gillespie:-

In your letter of April 14th we note with surprise and pain the following:- "After a careful examination of your estimate sheets, we are persuaded that you did not enter sympathetically into the financial condition of the Board and the country in these trying times, or you would not have made out your estimates on such an enormous scale. In this respect you ran far in advance of any other Mission connected with the Board. Some made them out on an exceedingly conservative basis, so that in order to give them the same amount of silver they had last year it was necessary to impose a much smaller cut. Ferrukhabad last year had to be cut Rs. 27,600. This year in order to give the same amount of silver, but 16,200. Lodianana, last year was cut Rs. 53,700. In order to give it the same amount of silver as last year, it has been cut Rs. 28,668."

In regard to the above we would ask you to kindly note the following:- Last year our total estimates for classes iv to ix inclusive (the ones affected by the cut) were Rs. 62,115. This year the estimates for the same classes were Rs. 60,774, that is Rs. 1341 less than last year. If class viii be excluded from this comparison the total for these classes last year was Rs. 38,365, and for this year Rs. 40,196, an increase for this year of Rs. 1831.

Of this amount of Rs. 1831, and increase of Rs. 1150 was asked for the opening of the dispensary which Dr. Wilson will need on his transfer to the Ratnagiri field; Rs. 480 were asked for the rent of a bungalow required by the transfer of Rev. and Mrs. Wilson to Ratnagiri; and Rs. 180 for rent for the bungalow of a new missionary, should one be appointed. The total of these three items is Rs. 1810, leaving a net increase of Rs. 21. Beside

no account is here taken of the increased expenditure for personal teachers and sanatoriums required by the coming of three new missionaries to our field.

If we compare the present year with the year before last we find that our present estimates for classes iv to ix are less than two years ago by Rs. 19,387, or, excluding class viii, by Rs 1279.

Surely there is nothing in these figures to justify the statements that we "did not enter sympathetically into the financial condition of the Board," and that our estimates were "enormous."

The example of the great reductions in the estimates of the Lodiana and Ferrukhabad Missions is quoted to our disparagement. It is very disagreeable for us to be obliged to say anything which may reflect on our sister missions, but when they are held up as an example to discredit us, we have no alternative.

There is another possible explanation of the figures you have given. It is that the other Missions have in time past made out their estimates on a more liberal scale than we have, and so are better able to make reductions than we are. We do not say that such is the case: But we do say that before their example is held up to our discredit, it should be clearly shown that the explanation we have suggested is not the correct one.

At the close of a most trying year when the burdens of famine and plague and of contribution to the debt of the Board have been borne in addition to an unprecedentedly heavy cut, it is very trying to have to meet also such statements as these.

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The above is all that I have communicate as secretary of the mission. I want to add a few words on my own account. The Rs. 433 which we are asking for is the amount of the accounts presented to the auditing committee but not audited for lack of money. It does not by any means represent our real deficit as it takes no account of the much larger amount of legitimate charges which were never presented to the auditing committee at all.

Kindly note the change of secretary in our Mission. The last two copies of the Board's letters intended for me have gone to Mr. Seiler.

Your letter of congratulation on the birth of our daughter was received. Many thanks for your good wishes for her and us Mrs. Wilson joins me in kindest regards.

Sincerely

Edgar M. Wilson

Secretary.

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Saugli

India

1- Glad of appropriation
sent -
2- Miss Wilder & special
fund June 10 - 1898

Rev. John Gillespie D.D.

156 Fifth Ave.

New York.

The Plague

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JUL 7 1898

DR. GILLESPIE.

My dear Dr. Gillespie,

Jolly

1- Your letter of May 6th reached me by last mail, and the good news of the year closing without a deficit, and the Board's action authorizing Miss Wilder to raise money to erect the New School Buildings at Saugli and the encouragement given us that the sum asked for to complete the industrial workshop will also be granted, are all causes for much thanksgiving and rejoicing especially to those of us at Saugli Station.

Our spirits have not been very light of late, with the thermometer

at 104° in the shade and the plague still around us and again on the increase and with the news of the heavy cut fresh on our minds. Your letter came to cheer us just at the right time and proved a wonderful tonic.

2 We will expect to hear before long that Miss Welder has succeeded in raising the required amount and of the sum having been appropriated to the mission.

3 Within the last 48 hours the temperature has dropped from 104° to 84° in the shade, a southwest breeze is blowing and a cloudy curtain has come between us and the sun. It is now delightfully cool we think after the

heat we were having. This means of course that the monsoon has come. Its coming this year makes it an anxious time for many in Sangli. During the dry season the greater part of the people have lived in huts in the fields, but the coming of the rains has driven them back to their plague infected houses in town. The germs of plague are still in the houses, and with the return of the people from the fields the increase of mortality began.

To prevent this increase the native authorities are turning the poor people out of their homes by force and locking the houses up, so being turned out to meet the rainy season is no bright prospect

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for these poor people. They
are erecting huts for themselves of
straw and grass by the road sides
for the time of sowing seed has come
and the huts in the fields must be
removed to the wayside to make
way for the cultivator and the seed.
We trust that in answer to prayer
this scourge will cease. We realize
how vain is the help of man with
this strange disease. One strange feature
of this disease is that it does not attack
the young, old or feeble as one would
expect but those who are healthy and
in the prime of life. Statistics shewing
that among those about the age of 30
is the greatest mortality.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Gillespie and
Yourself I remain Yours Sincerely
John Jolly

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1139 Dennison Ave
Columbus Ohio
17th June 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie.

Will you kindly
furnish Mr. Donald the necessary
statement according to his letter
enclosed herewith.

I am making trips to various
points to speak on missions.

My wife and little Robert Henry
are tolerably well, though not quite
as we had hoped

Yours Sincerely,
William H. Hannum

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Mrs Patton ✓ 9 1
American Mission
Kolhapur, S. M. B.
India.

June 25th, 1898

Rev John Gillespie D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

It is my pleasant
duty to write the bi-monthly letter for
Kolhapur Station.

We heard with great joy that
the Board is out of debt, and we hope and
pray that our beloved Church will be so
prospered the coming year, and will so
give as the Lord has prospered her that our
Board will never more have a debt to
worry them and us.

The members of our station
have all been hard at work since
May 25th when we returned from our
vacation.

Mr Seiler and Mr Goheen have
their regular work in the city and districts

besides the work of seeing and counseling and helping and chiding and encouraging those who come at any time and from everywhere; such work takes up many many minutes of a day and though it never comes into a report, nevertheless it is as much a part of our work as anything that is done in our station.

Mrs Goheen has charge of the two vernacular schools for girls in the city, and with the care of her household, and teaching Frances, and receiving visitors who come to her for various reasons her time is fully occupied. She has been ill the past week but is better again.

Mrs Seiler has charge of the Bible-women and teaches them daily. She has the care of her house, the teaching of John, and many of the never-mentioned-in-a-report duties that come to the "neglected saints" as some recent writer calls the missionaries' wives.

Mrs Seiler has now in her home Mr and Mrs Tedford who have

brought their son Charlie in from Kodoli on account of a very severe and stubborn fever which has not yielded yet to the treatment given by Dr. Sinclair.

Mr. Ferris, besides the care of her house and teaching Phoebe, has all the advanced class in the Bible and religious studies in the Boarding School, has the care of the school for certain hours, and she shares with me the burdens of the Boarding School and has charge of the dormitory from 4 P. M. till 9 P. M.

We have 56 boarders now and more new ones coming, ~~so~~ so we shall soon reach the number (60) that we can safely accommodate in the dormitory.

We have made the cut on our appropriations for this year.

It was very hard to give up the hope that some of our schools that were dropped last year, or supported by the missionaries rather than give them up, would this year be provided for by the Board. We have left only two vernacular

schools for girls, and one for boys in
Kolhapur City, and two for boys in the
outstations of Herle and Helundi.

Our vernacular schools were in different parts of the city and were opened for the purpose of teaching and preaching the Gospel to the children and through them to reach the parents. It is not wise to close them according to our judgment, it is only the stern necessity of retrenchment that made us close them.

After cutting all we could, and more than we ought, in other classes and subclasses, in order to fill up the tale of woful cutting, we had to take ^{Rs} 1362, out of the Girls' Boarding School appropriations. That means a good deal to all the Mission; but it had to be done to make the cut. It has been a hard question to decide which was best - to refuse to take some of the girls sent by the stations or to ^{take all and} continue the school as long as our funds hold out. We decided upon the latter course as that will give all the girls an equal chance in the school.

We shall do the best we can with the funds that are left, and carry on the school as many months as we can.

The rains have come and everything indicates a good year for the people in our part of the country.

God has mercifully kept the plague from Kolhapur. It has been in a town this side of Sangli, but no more cases are reported, though we hear it is still bad in Sangli.

Nana, a servant of Rev and Mrs Goheen, and son of their ayah who suffered because of her desire to become a Christian, was baptized June 16th, and united with the Kolhapur Church.

Thanking you for your prayers for us and our work

I am

Very Sincerely yours
Esther Patton

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Sanitarium Clifton Springs
June 21st 1898.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

My dear Dr Gillespie-

Please accept our
 united & grateful thanks for
 your kind plan of letting us
 occupy one of your rooms here.
 When my daughter
 and I came to the conference
 we had no definite plan of
 remaining here. It was very
 kind of Mr Grant to have
 telegraphed on our behalf.

Since the opportunity to
 continue here has thus been
 placed before us, we should be
 glad to remain until the

Middle of July. In case any
one should meet our friends
kindly let us know.

We come here a little excited
but we are feeling stranger
now. It seems a good setting
place for us before we return to
our work in India, as we hope to
do next autumn.

With our Christian regards to
yourself & Mrs. Gillspie -
Yrs Sincerely
Eliza J. Wither.

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Kodakur India
June 23rd 1898. B

My Dear Mr. Gellipie.

I am afraid you
are ready to judge down as only
a selfish business correspondent.
But as I firmly believe the matter
I am to refer pertains to the
Kingdom, as I think you will
take any promise to write more
in the future in good faith,
I will now in few words tell
you all.

You & the Board have
often heard of the poor struggling
yet provincial Kodakur blunder.
You I am aware at that end
of the line ^{can never} fully appreciate &
sympathize with the truth.

to the real need of this poor
outcast Christian people. Still
I have faith that you believe
what we tell you of them.

I have long been praying and
trying hard to create more
employment for our people, and
have come to the conclusion
that the best & cheapest &
most permanent way is to
help them in their own
most - natural calling - that
of Farmers.

This people not only suffer
from a famine every 20 years
but indeed every year. Want
of rain is their great trouble.
They have wells & sufficient
abundance of water in the manner
of irrigation is too expensive
for them. Some time ago I

with Mr. Jolly's help, planned &
ordered an Irrigating Windmill
Plant for them. I believe this
will prove to be a very
efficient & economical irrigating
power. Why not harness God's
own wind to administer to
the people out here as well
as at home.

Perhaps ere this the crates
of this mill have been
seen by you on their way from
Chicago to India. The whole
plant put down in Koodli
will cost about \$300. Now
one half of this amount has
been given by friends in our
Mission & the remainder it
seems now will fall on me.

I would add that our people will not be allowed for
use of the windmill. Water Tax will have to be changed.

We are in here a few days from Rodoli on account
of our son Charles having a serious attack as was
found of fever. We hope he is some better.

Yours Very Truly
L. W. Le Borg

But I would say that writing
in the wake of a famine that has
~~cost~~ taken so much of my money
& standing at the beginning of another
year of retrenchment that means
much of our own money in
stoken work, it seems ~~that~~
~~impossible or even to pay much~~
~~towards the plan.~~

Would the Board allow me or
Miss. Wilder to apply to become
Joines for \$100 of the amount?

I would say Mr. Jolly has arranged
that the "Power Wheel" can
be applied to other enrolling also.

Now please do what you think best
in the matter & I shall try to
remain aside by the decision. Though
I may seem - "not".

Chapter action in it until you have a letter
from our Mission Secretary for this is from
an unauthorized person I feared
that if I sent
the message it
might be mis-
taken for an
heretical thing
by the people
of Illinois.
I have
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Jan 1898.
Miss Wilder which after
a little preamble about
the unoccupied places
in our mission field reads
thus:
Moved - that we request
our Board to consider
plans for supplying workers
for these districts -
- that we refer to the
Board all questions pertaining
to the appointment of such
workers.

Miss Wilcher gives me permission to make such changes in the motion as will make it likely to pass - and asks me to send by cable "Yes" to the Board room when it has passed.

I find that it is likely to be laid on the table until the Mission Meeting when the scheme to which it refers can be fully discussed, or the motion will be so amended that the "Yes" of the cable message will not tally with the explanation which Miss Wilcher has for the Board. Should the message be "No" it will mean that action is deferred until after

discussion at Mission Meeting in October.

There is a strong feeling among our missionaries that before sending out a group of ladies to an unoccupied place we should first fill gaps in the part of the field we are working -

And the objection is made to this scheme that it provides for two grades of ladies workers in our Mission - graded merely on the basis of salary. If the lower salary proposed (\$300) is enough for the one class it is enough for the other. But there is serious and well-founded doubt that it will be enough. I have written to Miss Wilcher about this and she thinks

that the salary could be in
this case supplemented by
personal funds and outside
gifts but it seems to me
that in introducing a new
scheme we should provide
for the rule and not for the
exceptions.

I have brought these and
other objections before Miss
Witcher - for I want her to be
well satisfied and to have
a good case. We all have
the same longing to see this
work done, and if it comes
to pass that some of these
unoccupied places can be
speedily filled we shall
all rejoice in it.

Should this motion or an
amended motion pass please

Address
Kolhapur
S. M. C.
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Miss Brown - ✓

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June 28. 1898.

To the Rev. John Gillespie D.D.

My dear Mr. Gillespie: -

Wars do not affect our small village. Its donkeys + chickens are as happy, its cactus grows as thriftily as tho' no such horror existed at home. You have visited this place, you also met my sister Mrs. Sayre, in Newark N.J. so I feel as if I were writing to a friend.

Mr. + Mrs. Taftord, after the hot season, ^{were} here one brief week, when their son Charlie fell ill with high fever + they were compelled to take him in to Kolhapur. So Miss Sherman + I are alone again. You know how we long for some sort of a medical helper here.

A lady Doctor who could work in the Dispensary, & along the lines of our house to house visiting, where Miss Sherman sees such positive need of help that she gives her noon times to the dispensing of simple remedies. (Witness last night - both of us up till midnight working over an orphan baby) - such a helper would be worth her weight in gold. This morning 6.30 finds us up & 7.30 at our schools again, but a little the worse for wear.

I am working over another motherless baby to break the opium habit. Opium is cheaper than food & keeps the baby quiet!!

My noons are given to a half dozen Christian women, married in Hinduism, only one or two years old in their Christ life, but eager to learn to read; two have conquered - They are learning too in the school of prayer.

The Bible is a new Book to them - and I have great joy in teaching them.

My school is the delight of my eyes - unique in its way, the only one now in our Mission for Māing girls - the lowest, the out caste. Two years ago they were the wildest, dirtiest & most uncouth ^{little creatures}. To-day out of the 40, 6 are in the Ch. Girls' Bd'g Sch. at Kolhapur, about a dozen can read - all can repeat the Lord's Prayer & Scripture verses & love to sing. "Behold what hath God wrought" "thru perseverance, & patience. As I look at my girls, I think I shall never be discouraged.

Then you know through Miss Sherman whom I call "my better half", how we have toured each cold season in the inland & destitute parts of our field - taking the Story where no white woman had ever carried it to her

sisters before in some 70 villages.

Now I have a grave question to ask. Is not this the work our Board would have us do? I believe truly it is. I believe our touring, which is also our least expensive work, is the work which best pleases our Master, of the many which are pleasing to Him. Now, Dr. Gillespie there is a grave fear before us that this partnership of Sherman & Brown representing a community of interest & of love, may have to be dissolved - a fear that one or both of us may be asked to go to Kolhapur to assist in the Girls' Bd'g Sch. That is a work for which I pray & labor, & give - but - I beg of you won't you try & send some one out - an unmarried lady to assist in that school, so that we may stay in Kodoli? That school under Miss Patton & Mrs. Ferris is a blessing to our whole Western India; if I should

be so honored as to be asked to go there, & it seemed the Lord's call also, - there would be no way out of it, I must needs go. In that case probably no one else would or could be spared for Kodoli; Miss Sherman could not tour extensively alone; our schools would be dropped - and our ignorant-Christian women - ~~as~~ 36 in our native Church - who would teach them? Mrs. Sedford cannot endure the heat of the plains for many months consecutively, & her staying is uncertain. You know that both Miss Patton & Mrs. Ferris, go home next year, &c. If a lady could be sent to assist some older Missionary her work would not be nil even the first year, for English is required in the

upper standards and the domestic department-gives scope for one not yet up in the language.

Please do not consider me too importunate in this matter, I am asking the Lord to open some one's purse strings for this object, that some man or woman at home may know the joy of following ^{by sending a substitute,} in his steps, & that the right person may be sent for the Kolhapur School.

The Lord has been very good to our Kodoli Church. Of the hundred added during the past two years, only one family pressed by pangs of hunger have gone back to Hinduism. Your prayers have been heard & answered for these weak members, & we give all the praise to Him the Head of the Church.

Yours most sincerely
A. Adelaide Brown.

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Ratnagiri, India, June 28

1898

Rev. John Gillespie, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City,

Dear Dr. Gillespie,

In the minutes of our last annual meeting you have noticed that the following action was referred to a committee composed of Mr. Hannum and myself to report at the annual meeting to be held next fall. The action was as follows:- "That the mission respectfully express to the Board its disapproval of the general policy of dependence on permanent investments in the work of the Board."

In regard to this you say in your letter of Feb. 23rd. - "I am quite surprised at the resolution (page 55) expressing the disapproval of the mission "on the general policy of dependence on permanent investments in the work of the Board." These permanent investments are a business necessity as they are used for collateral in borrowing the large amounts of money which unfortunately it is necessary to borrow every year to carry us through the dry season. A fuller statement however by the committee appointed, may shed further light on the meaning of the resolution."

Owing to Mr. Hannum's departure to America, the committee to whom this matter was entrusted by the mission is unfortunately separated. On this account I will send this letter to him, so that he may add what he thinks fit and send the letter on to you. If you will kindly send your reply to him he will forward it to me.

Let me say at the outset that I do not believe that the mission passed this action in any spirit of unkind criticism. I am sure also that the committee does not enter on its work in any such spirit either, nor would we do anything to embarrass the Board or render any more difficult the already arduous duties they have to perform. So far as I can judge the feelings of the mission, it was that the present policy of the Board in regard to permanent investments was somewhat doubtful and needed justification or change. As the question however was a very large and complicated one, it was deemed unwise to pass any action without fuller investigation, and so the matter was referred to a committee.

You will doubtless ask how it is that such a feeling has arisen among missionaries. My answer would be that while such questions are at all times more or less in the minds of missionaries the events of the past few years have specially tended to turn their attention in this direction. The discussions relative to the new building in New York City have been followed with great interest by those on the field. Home expenditure is always a matter of intense interest to those who realize most fully the need of funds on the field. And when the completion of that building is followed by two of the most sweeping cuts that the mission has ever known, missionaries whose allowances for work have been cut, cannot help asking whether there is not some causal connection between the building and the cut, and whether it is necessary to credit the whole of the latter to the financial stringency at home; and then further to question a policy of mission management which calls for such an expenditure. I am not now attempting to argue these points but simply to show how they arise in the minds of those on the field.

As nearly as I understand the situation of the Board's finances it is as follows:- The largest amounts of money are received toward the close of the year, especially in April. This necessitates the borrowing of a large amount of money at the opening of the year to carry on the work. The permanent investments are needed for security in borrowing this amount. I should be very glad if you could furnish me with the figures for the monthly receipts of the Board. I have been able to find them only in part. Also the approximate amount of money which it is necessary to borrow each year.

Now of course if this system be the best which can be devised nothing further should be said. But I think that I represent the sentiments of our mission when I say that it should be clearly shown to be the best. In other words a system which calls for so much borrowing every year and consequently for so large an amount of permanent investment, needs justification. In connection with this subject I should be very glad to know whether other missions Boards have the same difficulty in this matter as ours, and if so how they meet it. Also, if they do not have the same difficulty why is it.

It would seem as though the natural remedy for this state of affairs would be to persuade the church to contribute its funds more evenly during the year. Do not some Boards succeed in doing this? If this could be done, would it not make borrowing unnecessary and consequently the holding of large properties unnecessary also?

Or if such an arrangement as that be impossible, would it be impossible to accumulate the contributions of one year and use them in the next year? Instead of paying interest the Board would then be receiving it. In face of the present difficulty in raising even funds for current work, it may seem quixotic to propose such a thing as accumulating a year's funds in advance, and yet perhaps it might not be after all. If the permanent securities which would then not be required were disposed of a very good beginning would be made toward such an accumulation, and to appeal to the church with such an object would be far more likely to meet a favorable response than to appeal to them to make up a debt. The strain on the secretaries would also be removed to a large extent. I should be very glad to know what proportion of the present permanent funds of the Board are capable of being converted into money.

Of course I know that in suggesting such sweeping changes as these there are many things to be taken into account of which I know little or nothing. It is with a view of getting more knowledge on these subjects that I have written as above.

I followed the discussion of a year ago concerning the new building with great interest. It seemed to me that Mr. McDougall was attacking the erection of the building in what was perhaps its strongest point, namely, whether or not it was a good business investment; and that the far weightier question whether the Board should spend such an amount of money in America whether it were a good business investment or not, was left out of sight. On the question of a business investment, I could not but think that in all probability the judgment of the Board was superior to that of Mr. McDougall. Time of course will show.

So too the report of the committee of eleven to the Assembly of 1897 failed to discuss the question on the grounds of general

Don't say!

mission policy. This was of course to be expected from the shape in which the question came before them, but it was nevertheless a disappointment.

Now I hope that nothing which I have written will be taken in anything but the kindly spirit in which it is intended. In a matter of this kind I cannot but think that it is best to give a full and frank statement of our feelings. I know that the mission will be very glad to be set right on points of which it has a wrong conception. And I know too that it appreciates most fully the splendid financial standing of our Board and the absolute confidence with which we look forward to getting our salaries when they are due. It is not pleasant for us to have to call in question the methods by which that financial standing is assured and the salaries are paid, and yet there is the feeling that perhaps the methods in use might in some way be improved.

Sincerely,

Edgar M. Wilson

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1159 Dennison Ave.
Columbus Ohio
11th July 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Letters

from the field have intimated
that certain important letters
have lately been sent by you
to our "Western India" Mission
concerning appropriations etc.

May I request copies of
those letters, that I may
keep somewhat informed
of the Mission's business
while I am in this country?

If you consider it
desirable that I should
use the regular form of
letter-paper in correspondence
with you and Mr. Hand, will
you kindly send me a small
supply?

My wife and little boy
are in tolerably good health.
I am quite well and am
speaking on Missions every
Sabbath in the Churches.

Yours Sincerely,
William H. Hannum.

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Ratnagiri, India.
6 July 1896.

Dear Dr. Gillespie:-

I have had it on my heart for sometime to write you fully concerning some of my thoughts. First, I would say that I believe the "cut" has been a good thing. It has enabled us to press self-support, and strange as it may seem I hope our appropriations for next year will be less than those for this year; after the cut has been made, for just so long as we continue to support the Native Church so long do they expect it, and hence do not feel the need of making the effort that they otherwise would make.

I trust the contributions to our Board may greatly increase & that the vast proportion of the amount may be given to evangelistic work & to the opening of new stations in neglected portions of the field where Christ has not been earned and where one shall not be building on another man's foundation. There is great danger, as Dr. Speer pointed out, of our depending now upon American money & not upon the power of the Holy Spirit for the conversion of the heathen. I wish also to say that I think you reproach

concerning our estimates was created. The more simply our work can be carried on the better. Large institutions do not convince the heathen of the truth of Christianity, only the power which raised Jesus from the dead can do that. Our mission has taken a prominent stand in principle toward self-support, hence it does not seem very consistent for us to be increasing our estimates, except for new work & then on a moderate scale.

When the Board provides three good Samaritanes for the mission it does not seem wise or right, except in cases of great need, & sent them down at Mahabaleshwar. It is well that you called attention to the long absences from the stations which are permitted during the hot season or "at such time as the station may determine".

Some time ago when it seemed probable that eight missionaries would be leaving our mission on furlough in 1899 Dr. Brown wrote asking us to make some arrangement among ourselves whereby it would not be necessary for so many to leave at one time. When Miss Minor & I thought it best that we should stay a year longer than our term & this has been our desire ever since. It was not an oversight on our part that we did not put in an

estimate for our traveling expenses. I have heard that some think it is the wish of the Board that missionaries should go on furlough at the end of their term. Did the Board have this in mind when they added our traveling expenses to the appropriations for this year? Miss Minor ^{and} I are ready to come home whenever it is the wish of the Board, but if there is no special reason why we should leave in 1899 we should like to stay until the spring of 1900.

This morning I had an encouraging talk with a young Hindu who comes almost daily to read the Bible with me. He acknowledged that he "must repent" and that he should obey Jesus who is "more than King," but he feared his friends. There are others who are like him in this respect. Where does the difficulty lie? O, for power to help them over the line.

The rainy season is upon us. There is every indication of good crops.

The members of our station are all well. Miss Minor joins with me in sending kind regards to you.

Yours in Jesus
Amanda M. Jefferson.

Muzaj

Muzaj July 12th 1898 ✓

My Dear Dr. Gillespie

Mrs. Wanless

I have been appointed by the station to write the bi-monthly letter for June, and I will try to tell you what we have been doing since the last letter was written. Mr. Wilson, Miss Foster, Mr. Simonsen, Ethel and myself spent most of the hot season at Mahabeshwar, while Dr. Wilson and Dr. Wanless relieved each other spending only about five weeks each on the hills. The hospital and work here was kept open all hot season the patients coming in goodly numbers all the time. The first of June saw us all at our station, and work for the rainy season re-organized and begun. We have changed the routine of the Gospel services in the hospital somewhat. Mr. Simonsen and Dr. Wilson have two Sunday-Schools in the town early on Sunday mornings. They are usually accompanied by one of the Native preachers and one or two of the medical students. Dr. Wilson's Concert does much at these services to attract the people and keep them interested in the singing. The Sunday School in the hospital for the patients is conducted by Dr. Wanless and is held right after the schools in the town.

Movements
of missionaries
during hot
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This service used to take the form of a Gospel service in the afternoon but since we have organised a regular Sunday School the people have been systematically taught, the Sunday School lesson being taken up and put into such language as will be helpful and understood by them. Classes are formed in the different wards composed of the patients and their friends, the women being taught by the Christian women and lady missionaries, the men being taught by the missionaries, students, and Christian helpers, in this way all the Christians have been interested in doing some Christian work, as they have all with the exception of a few of the women been very earnest in helping to teach the classes. The patients at all these services are always very much interested in the singing, and here in the hospital wards the strains of H. W. Haule's Cornet and our 'baby' organ have done a great deal to keep the attention of the people. We have frequent Gospel-Love services during the week in the different wards so that the patients who are confined to bed may have something to brighten their lives and relieve the monotony of life in a sick ward at the same time we pray that by this and every means the story of the Great Physician may be so presented to our

people that they cannot resist the Love of God.

Plague
not at
Miraj

God has been very good to us here in our station for while the plague has been working its work of destruction and carrying off hundreds in towns and villages all around Miraj it has not been permitted to come nigh us. We have ~~not~~ had one indigenous case in Miraj. The excellent and strict quarantine arrangements which though they may have seemed hard to the people have no doubt in God's Providence been the secret of our escape. All persons coming into the town (Miraj) from any outside town or villages have to pass through the mission compound and be examined by one of the physicians, they are expected to come armed with a "pass" - a paper which must certify that they are free from plague and have been in no plague-stricken district for a certain time, this must be accepted and signed by Dr. Maules - who is president of the plague committee - and their own good physical condition certified to by him before they are allowed to enter the town. We will all be glad when their days of quarantine and passes are over and the people can move about freely in their own land again. We have

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however through this means been brought into contact with a great many outside people, and most of these numbers while waiting for the examination of their passes attend the preaching service that may be going on on the compound. There has been some prospect and dread of famine again this year in some parts of the land because of an unusual break in the rains which were good in the beginning of the season, but the rains have come on again and have been falling steadily for the past two or three days and the people are cheered again at the prospect of famine being removed, while the price of grain fell considerably in the bazaar yesterday. I write of course of our own immediate section of country. The rains I understand have been good in many other parts of the country. We pray that God may this year be gracious to this land and its people and allow it to be a year of plenty for them, that they may be spared the suffering of the late famine again and that His Hand may be lifted and the plague entirely removed from the land, but God forbid that the people or any of us should fail to learn the lessons He has for us in all their afflictions.

We are all busy as the day is long and the days do not seem long enough for all we have to do.

Miss Foster is busy with the language and her

nurses and nursing-class, attending operations and general superintendence of the nursing work, she is certainly the right woman for the position she fills. I am trying to fill in the chinks and cracks here and there, I can tell about the work of others but I do not seem to have much of my own to speak of, it is now the time of year when the hospital sheets and clothing are renewed, I have been looking after this work, helping the "durgai" (sewing-maid), marking the garments and arranging them in the hospital where they pass out of my care into that of Miss Foster's, looking after the diet of the patients, arranging the hymns and playing the organ for the services and so on.

The Bible-class held on Tuesday evening in the bungalow has always been a helpful and restful way to close a busy Sunday. We all - missionaries, students and even among our native Christians who understand English meet together at eight o'clock and spend the first half-hour in singing English hymns, each one informally selecting a favourite hymn, this is followed by a

Miss Foster
the "right
woman" in
the right
place.

Miss Foster
less work.

Sunday
evening

Bible-class

Bible-lesson from Mr. Waulles, we are now
studying the Life of Jesus, and the beautiful
traits of our Lord's Character as they have been
so helpfully opened up to us in these lessons have
been most inspiring to the students - for whom
the class was originated but has so enlarged
that all our Nurses, Students and English-speak-
ing Christians regularly attend with all the
Missionaries on the Compound.

With the kindest regards of all the missionaries
of the Station I am,

Yours cordially
M. E. Waulles

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1159 Dennison Avenue
Columbus Ohio
30th July 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Let me thank you
for your favor of 8th inst. giving extracts
of correspondence with the Mission. May
I ask for a copy of your letter of 23rd February
concerning permanent investments? It is
referred to by Mr. Wilson. Being a member of
the Mission's Committee, I should be obliged, if not
too much trouble, to have copies of whatever
you may write to the Mission on that subject.

Yours Sincerely,
William H. Hannum.

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1159 Dennison Ave.
Columbus Ohio
30th July 1898

Dear Dr Gillespie:

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Wilson of Ratnagiri on the Resolution that the "Western India Mission" is considering, concerning the general policy of dependence on permanent investments in the work of the Board.

Will you allow me to state briefly my attitude on this question? (And I believe that Brother Wilson's and my opinions fairly represent those of the Mission.) I realize that large questions of finance are for the Board to settle and not for the Mission. Yet it is right and entirely courteous for the Mission to call attention to what it may believe to be a questionable policy and to propose a remedy for the unfortunate financial condition that has prevailed in the Board's work for several years, a condition of which the missionaries are most keenly and painfully conscious.

A general cause of this condition appears to be a widespread paralysis of the Church's liberality. In looking for causes for that paralysis, we cannot but observe the great extension of the policy of dependence

on permanent investments. It is but natural that the church-members should feel that by reason of that increased dependence they were under reduced obligations to give in answer to the Board's appeals. In another way too this policy paralyzes the Church's liberality. The Scriptural method of sustaining evangelistic work, and that Providentially endorsed in the history of missions is the voluntary and self-sacrificing gifts of Christian people. This method stimulates the faith and spiritual life which are the fundamental essentials of missionary success. Whatever sets aside in a measure this method strikes at the root of popular missionary zeal. Though I have not the fullest information on this matter, I cannot but incline to the view that the policy of dependence on permanent investments, now increasingly followed by the Board, does in a measure set aside the right method. I cannot but feel thus when I read in the last Annual Report of the Board that the Total Invested Assets are \$1,280,390.79.

From this view you will see why the Mission considered the matter serious enough to propose some action. You will observe however that the resolution has not been adopted, but has been committed, that we may be set right if in error.

I would therefore beg that you would be kind enough to furnish the Mission the fullest information that you may deem appropriate on the matter. If my being temporarily in this country can facilitate the communication I shall be glad to be used.

As to the method by which the policy in question should be rectified, I have not studied the subject sufficiently to propose anything, and if I had, time would perhaps not be the time for it. Yet we may be sure that if the rectification should be decided as necessary, some right and legal method could unquestionably be devised.

Praying for Divine wisdom to show the best method to glorify God's name and to save souls, I remain

Yours Sincerely,

William B. Ewald

As to Miss Irwin's return

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DR. GILLESPIE.

Kolhapur Aug. 10th 1898.

My Dear Doctor Gillespie -

Mrs. Cohen

As Miss Irwin

spent most of her missionary life in Kolhapur, and as I was, perhaps more closely associated with her than any one else now here I have been appointed by our station to express to you our appreciation of her work in this place.

Miss Irwin had for two years or more charge of a vernacular Girls' School in Kolhapur City. To this she devoted much time and energy which paid in excellent results. Her experience as a trained teacher and her readiness to adopt new good methods were of great value to the school. We regretted that Mr Irwin's transfer to Ratnagiri made it necessary for his sister to give up this work.

In keeping house for her brother it was one of Miss Irwin's duties to entertain his native friends — especially the teachers and pupils of the High School. She did this with an easy graceful hospitality that was much appreciated by visitors and guests. In the testimonials

which were given to Mr Irwin by the High School and G. M. C. A. her name was coupled with his in the expressions of gratitude.

It is worth while to also mention that Miss Irwin took great pains to teach some of the native Christian women to sew and to crochet - a task by no means easy.

It is not therefore on the ground of inefficiency that we as a station think it unwise to ask for Miss Irwin's return - It is rather that her temperament and disposition were never in their happiest environments here and was perhaps unfavorably affected by the climate as her general health certainly was.

We believe that if a person is not happily placed he cannot habitually do his best work - It is out of our power to change the environments here and although, on Miss Irwin's own account and that of her brother and sister, this action is painful to us we cannot think it right to vote otherwise. We have only the kindest wishes for her and are hopeful that the future has much in store for her that is bright.

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Koshapur Station. C. M. Gordon.

Miss Irwin return ~~not~~ not
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DR. GILLESPIE.

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Kolhapur, India

Aug. 11. 1898

Rev. Dr. Jas. Gillespie

Secy. No. 156. 5th Ave. New York.

My Dear Dr. Gillespie:

G. M. Seiler

Your letter of July 12. 1898 asking us, missionaries of Kolhapur Station, whether we thought it would be wise for the Board to send Miss Rachel Irwin back to this field, was received this week.

We held our regular monthly Station meeting on the 8th inst, and by a unanimous vote we decided that it would not be wise to have her return. It devolves on me as Secretary of the Station to advise you of this action, and that Mrs. Goheen was appointed by the Station to write to you more fully.

Yours Sincerely,

G. M. Seiler

Secy Kolhapur Sta.

See no reason why Miss Irwin
should not return

Ratnagiri, India, Aug. 16, 1898.

Rev. John Gillespie, D.D.,

156 Fifth Ave, New-York City, -U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gillespie,

Your letter to the mission concerning Miss Irwin has come to hand. For obvious reasons Ratnagiri Station has decided to answer it individually and not as a station. I write for Mrs. Wilson and myself. Mrs. Wilson has joined the mission so lately and has seen so little of Miss Irwin that she does not feel competent to express any opinion on the subject.

So far as my present knowledge of Miss Irwin is concerned I do not know any reason why she should not come back. I have known that she has been restless and has found it hard to settle down to anything for the past year or two. I attributed it to the fact that she had been in India nearly her full term and was tired, also that her home had been broken up by the marriage of her brother which left her instead of the mistress of a household which she had been before, to be a single lady liable to transfer anywhere. In addition she has had troubles both in America and India which were quite sufficient to upset one better balanced than she. Her troubles at home you doubtless know of. In India she has had trouble through the attentions of a gentleman in Bombay of which perhaps you have not heard. I dislike very much to write about these affairs but they are no secret here.

I have thought that what she needed was a vacation home, and that with that she would probably come back rested and refreshed and able to go on with her work.

The above is all that I know about the matter, which is, that so far as my present knowledge goes I know no reason why she should not come back. I understand however that you want to know, not only what we know about the matter, but also our judgment. In other words you want us to be on the bench as well as in the witness box.

I cannot give any judgment in the matter as to do so I should need to consult first the other members of the mission and find out fully the facts in the case. Under the present circumstances there is no occasion for me to do this.

Sincerely,

Edgar M. Wilson

In the affair with the gentleman in Bombay of which I wrote above there is nothing whatever to Miss Irwin's discredit - in fact quite the reverse.

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Miss Irwin should not leave

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Rev Jno Gillespie D.D.

156 Fifth Ave

New York

W. J. Vanless

My dear Dr Gillespie

At a meeting of this station the following action was taken in reply to your letter with regard to Miss Rachel Irwin. "Voted that the station, secretary be instructed to reply to The Board's letter concerning Miss Rachel Irwin & to state that the Miraj station is of the opinion that it would be inexpedient for Miss Irwin to return to India"

Three members of the station being but a short time in the country were, at their own request, excused from expressing an opinion with reference to Miss Irwin.

Very sincerely yours

W. J. Vanless

Secretary,

Miraj Station

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Katnagiri India

Aug. 13. 1898.

Dear Dr. Silliman,

Miss Minor

Through some oversight
the Board have not heard from Katnagiri
Station through the B. & N. Railway letter
for some months. Since the last letter
was written, the Hot Season has come and

Plenty of young men and women have been
rain (Chet) season. There are now no signs of
Plague rain, and there seems no prospect of famine
through the District. One day in June
there was a fall of over eight inches and
the entire rainfall is nearly one hundred
inches. We feel that we should praise
God for His goodness in removing such
destitution and suffering as there was
last year. We have also cause for gratitude
that there is no plague here as is the
case in Sangli and not far from Kolhapur.
It seems a special cause for thanksgiving
as thousands of people have landed here
from the Bombay boats and scattered

through the District.

While the heavy rain has prevented much outside work, the members of the Station have been by no means inactive.

Studying
Mrs. Wilson

Every member has been studying with Pandit or Munshee. Mrs Wilson has been continuing her study of Hindustani, while Mr Wilson, Miss Jefferson and I have been studying Marathi. Of the ladies of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, one is studying Hindustani, while others are either preparing for examinations or are continuing Marathi study.

Religious
Class

The class of Christian men taught by Miss Jefferson which began in the Hot-Season, continued through June and July. They met twice a week and have been taking up a book called Studies in the Four Gospels by Dr Hurlbut and which has been translated into Marathi. There has been a good deal of interest in the class, and we trust it has opened up the Life of Christ in a new way to our Christian men.

Nearly two weeks ago, Mr Wilson

delivered a lecture in the Native Library to the English speaking natives on the Bhagavad Gita as compared with the Bible. There was to have been discussion afterwards, but the company was silenced and discussion was postponed for two weeks.

An unusual number of young men have called at our Bungalow during this Rainy Season. Their desire was to read the Bible. Miss Jefferson has read with them in both English and Marathi. Some it is true have read that they might improve their English, while others have seemed to desire to know about Jesus Christ. One young man evidently believes that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour, but hesitates like many others, to acknowledge Him.

The usual preaching services have been carried on in the town chapel.

The weekly meeting for the Christian women has been ~~held as~~ usual at our Bungalow. The eight - who now attend - show a large increase on the three when I first had charge of the meeting.

*Transfer of
native help*
Basant-rao Thakur and his wife are
 a great addition to our Christian commu-
 nity. They were transferred to this
 Station in March from Kolhapur. He is
 very efficient as a helper, and we rejoice
 to have in our community Christians so
 established and settled in Christian
 experience.

School
 The only school in our Station
 belonging to the Mission, is held on our
 Compound and is in my charge. The master
 is our Christian teacher Ramchandra
 Jingadi.

*Dismissed
name of out*
 On account of the cut-in the
 appropriations, Bhivaji Pandit the Christian
 school teacher, was dismissed from our
 Mission employ. But he was at once
 employed by Miss. Ferguson of the Zenana
 Bible and Medical Mission as teacher in
 her Bazar School. He takes the place of
 the heathen master and is doing good
 work.

The need of sustaining their own work
 should be pressed on the native Church

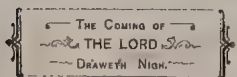
308^{sup} more and more. Our Church has assumed
what seems to them a large burden, but
no more than what we feel they can do.
We wish our Mission could see the way
clear to adopt such measures as have
been taken by the Laos Mission.

Mr and Mrs Brown are very
busy at Vengurle and will encourage
of the work there. The daily service at
their teaching room have been well
attended. We feel that the lower part
of the Kalmāguri District is most needy,
and we look forward to asking the
Mission at our coming. Having, to
request the Board to open a Station at
Vengurle.

Miss Jefferson joins with me in sending
kindest regards.

Yours in the Master's service,

Emily T. Minor.



Not in favor of (Miss) Minor
American Presbyterian Mission
India

Ratnagiri, Aug. 17. 1898.

Dear Dr. Eublerpie (Miss Minor
Jefferson

I am sending with
this the Bi Monthly letter
from Ratnagiri Station.

It was decided in our
Station, that opinions
regarding the action to the
field of Miss Rachel Brown
should be expressed
individually.

While one hesitates to
express an opinion on
the subject; still I feel that
it would be better for

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her not to return to India,

Yours in the Master's service

Emily Y. Minor.

My opinion is the same as
Miss Minor's on this matter —

Caranda D. Jefferson.

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DR. GILLESPIE

226 N. Fifth Street,
Sturtevantville, Ohio.
Aug. 16 - 1898.

My dear Dr. Gillespie:-

I am sorry
it is necessary for me to send
in my resignation to you.

It seems my duty to remain
in this country at present - but
I would like to ask you to reserve
for me the privilege to return to India
if God in His Providence opens the
way in the near future.

I have been offered a position,
this last week under our Home Mission
Board in Utah, and under the circumstances

that have been given me. I had expected
to spend the last of Sept. & Oct. in special work
in Mankato Presbytery, Minnesota - at their
urgent request. This Presbytery has been
responsible for my salary nine years &
this year makes ten years - I am sorry
I cannot be with them - but it was a
pleasure to be with them at their spring
meeting after the meeting of the Woman's
Board of the North-west.

You know, I think, that it is hard
for me to give up, even for a time, the work that

I feel like accepting it. It is further away from home than I should choose. but I can reach here, if need be, in a few days. It is necessary for me to work and I prefer Mission work to any other.

May I ask that my home allowance be continued through this month? If I accept this position under our Home Board my work will begin in September, but in the mean time I have nothing.

Since my arrival in the United States, I have worked hard to interest Churches + individuals in our Foreign Mission work, but it has been impossible for me to accept one-half the invitations to speak

I gave myself to the Lord to do seven
years ago; but this is what He
would have me do now, I am sure.

The Home and Foreign work are
one - and it is a privilege to
work for Him either at home
or abroad.

Yours very sincerely
Rachel Harris.

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Miss Lavin should
not return

Kodak India

August 15, 1898

Rev John Gellishie D.D.

L. B. Bedford

My dear Dr Gellishie.

At a meeting of the
Board held Aug. 16th 1898
voted that the action of the Board's
letter July 12th 1898, that taking all things
into consideration it does not seem advisable
that the Board should authorize the return
of Miss Lavin to India.

Yours very truly

L. B. Bedford

Ch. Central Station

missionary with regard
to myself under similar
circumstances. From
the opinions I have heard
expressed by others & the
action likely to be taken
by other stations I now
feel more justified than
ever in working as I did.

It was a painful duty & I
did what I did without the
slightest ill will towards
Mrs. Dowin & only in her
own best interests as well
as those of the work which
we all hold dear.

Some have thought that
Mrs. Dowin intended severing
her connection with the Board
at the end of her year's
furlough though no one was
able to say positively that
such was her intention.

If such was her decision
it seems a pity that the
Board was not so informed
& the action of the Mission
which your letter occasioned,
thus avoided. Possibly
she may still resign before
final action of the Board
is taken. I could wish
certainly for the sake of
sparring her feelings that
she would.

I am thankful to state that
we are all in good health
at present. So far as I know
there is no case of sickness
in any of the stations at
present. The plague is
increasing again at Sanglei
& has spread to several
adjacent towns. Many
cities & states are still free
from the disease. There
has been but one case
of plague among

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DR. GILL

Miss Irwin's return
not obedient

Western India Mission

Sangli, Aug 25, 1898

Rev. John Gillespie D.D.

Secretary, 156 5th Ave. N.Y.

U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Gillespie

I.D. Glasgow
In ref.

reference to your letter concerning the return of Miss Irwin to India I must say that I much regret that there should be any occasion to bring the matter before us at all. We at Sangli Station had understood that it was not Miss Irwin's intention to return to the Mission field, and if such is the case, any action is unnecessary, and

recuses unkind. As a
matter of fact - we have
had no formal meet-
ing & have taken no
formal action, - there
will be no action taken
at Sangle Station for we
do not wish to have any
minute - in our records
in reference to this sub-
ject. However, as you
ask for a reply at an
early date, I will say
- & I suppose it is all
you would ask, - that
it is the unanimous
opinion of the Station
that it is not expedi-
ent under existing cir-
cumstances for Miss
Brown to return to

over Miss Brown.
With kind regards
Yours sincerely
J. P. Graham

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119 South Ohio Avenue
Columbus Ohio

6th September 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Allow me

to thank you for your letter
of 3rd August commenting
on the permanent investments
of the Board. I am sure that
the Mission will be glad to
hear these views that you
express.

We have just removed our
residence, as you see from the
head of this. My wife, a son
and I are all in good health.
I am still speaking frequently

connection with the Board.

With our kind regards I remain

Yours Sincerely,
William H. Hann.

on missions in the churches
of this region. I hope to give
some time during the winter
to the study of Sanskrit,
which would be of direct use
to me in India.

I regret that a further
search among our boxes has
failed to bring to light the
cotton carpet ('sattrangi') that
Mr. and Mrs. Goheen sent with
us for you. The likeliest theory
is that it was lost when our
goods were opened at the custom-
house in London we not being
present.

I am sorry to hear of Miss
Irwin's actual severance from

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Friend -

Dear Sir,

Sept 16th 1891

Sir,

Miss Grace Fisher
says you would like
a written statement
regarding a contribution
I propose making
to the Revue -

Board of Foreign Missions
(I will support
two Missionary women)
on condition that they
work under Miss
Wilder, she residing
with them in what
she calls a "Village
Settlement" in India.

the salaries of these
Missionaries being
\$300 a year each;
Miss Wilder tells me that
living in a community
this salary would be
sufficient.

(I should expect
to support ^{two} these

Missionaries if the
plan is a success
until they have saved
if a house. Mr. is
living at the end of
the 5th or 6th year.
I will then pay their
sacred expenses
in India.

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I have been thinking of you
 and wondering how you are
 getting on. I hope you are
 well and happy. I have been
 very busy lately, but I
 have managed to find some
 time to write to you. I
 hope you are enjoying your
 work. I have been thinking
 of you very much lately.

I am glad to hear
 that you are still
 recovering from the
 illness. I hope you
 will be able to
 go on with your
 work. I am
 very much
 interested in
 your progress.

Chicago, I think with
some of the "little" things
the people, but a little back
of the city, and as the
income of the city is quite
small, it is not possible
to do more than to maintain
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Norfolk - Ct.

My dear Dr. Gillespie.

I received yours
of the 13th inst. that you
feel it is most important
to have our Mission's action
before bringing the Settlement
question before the Board.
I will therefore follow your
suggestion to seek no action
of the Board until we hear
from India.

Since our Mission has asked
for six ladies. I suppose

there could be no objection to having lady candidates examined and approved of by our Ladies Boards.

I have this week had an illustration of how a candidate for Mission work arouses sympathy and solicits means for her own support. A Pastor in Western Pa. wishes to bring before his Presbytery the question of the support of this lady. The one in view has not been examined or approved of by our Board so I have suggested that the Presbytery should

offer a salary to our Board leaving the Board to appoint the Missionary. I know that very small country churches are represented in this Presbytery and to such a definite Missionary - seen and heard and loved - would be an inspiration.

Would it be possible to have Candidates approved of by our Board and available for any Church or Presbytery wishing to put a new worker into the field? Our Mission has asked for an ordained man for Sangli.

sends one for Ratnagiri.

Have you a man who could
be sent provided the funds
are offered?

With thanks for your
kind letter and its counsel.
Ever yours in Jesus' service.
Grace E. Wilder.

Sept. 17th 1898.

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Sept. 17th 1891

My dear Dr. Gilman.

I have this morning
been sitting over our Board
minutes and find that the
four furlough man's satis-
faction seems to be extended.
I understood that our furlough
expires this month.

I shall I write and ask the
Board for its consent to our
remaining until we hear
from our Mission regarding
the settlement plan is all

you speak for us?
Last time we visited as before
on Nov. 26th. So I do not need
to tell you as much as I other-
wise might.

Yours sincerely,

Grace E. Wilder

Montclair.

W. J.

P.S. Mr. Brother Robert and
family have returned, we
expect to go to Montclair this
week.

G. E. W.

Sept. 19th 98.

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119 S. Ohio Ave.

Columbus Ohio

14th Sept. '98

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Your two
letters of 8th and 9th inst. were
received.

I have received a letter from
Rev. D. E. Williamson of Lebanon,
Indiana, pursuant to your
arrangement, asking me to
give an address at Muncie
on 12th October, and ^{I have} sent an
acceptance. I hope that
wisdom may be given me

to speak the right words.

The earlier one of your two letters seems to call for my opinion of your statement of August 3rd on invested funds. I hesitate to give an opinion lest I seem presumptuous. However since you ask it I confess that your response to the Mission's Committee confirmed my impression that the Board's policy which is in question cannot be logically defended on sound principles of mission methods. Your paragraph analyzing the total of investments does

throw light on the question, but I cannot see that it justifies the policy. The annuity fund seems to stand on a distinct basis, and is perhaps justified by the purpose of turning the amounts over to current work upon the deaths of annuitants, but your language shows that this purpose is not always carried out. In the case of a gift like that of Mr. John S. Kennedy for specific investment, when the gift is once received it must be applied according to the wish of the giver, but that does not justify the policy of receiving

gifts for permanent investment. I cannot see why you say that the heavy mortgages must be deducted. The incurrence of heavy mortgage debts as a means of prosecution of the investment policy only condemns that policy the more.

I know not how you can declare that the Board's increasing dependence on invested funds is the opposite of the truth. Do not the Board's reports show that the total of those funds has risen year by year and decade by decade?

I do not find in your statement any reference to what seems to me the great principle underlying the matter. It is that the right way to sustain missions is by the voluntary gifts of Christian people, and any method that relieves the people of the feeling of obligation to make such gifts is an erroneous method.

I trust you will pardon my plainness in writing, for it is meant in the greatest kindness.

Yours Sincerely
William H. Hannum.

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
156 FIFTH AVENUE,
ROOM 818.

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Linnæe Long Island
NEW YORK, Sept. 15th 1898

My dear Dr. Gilchrist

This package of letters
came to me yesterday from Mrs.
Bentley and to save time I return
it to her via your office since she
deciding upon this question of
"Settlement workers" rests upon
the Board and not upon us.

As far as I know the mind of
our ladies thus is not taken at
all kindly to the idea of send-
ing a Quaker woman to India
on a salary of \$300. - Still
less would they favor her expect-
ing to be fed by the ravens some-
what after the manner expressed

in Miss Wilder's letter ^{to} the
Mission. Meanwhile Mr. Parker
has written ^{or will write} to Miss Thomson and
also to Miss Strong for her tes-
timony regarding Miss J. and we
will weigh the question of her fit-
ness as carefully as we can in
case it is thought best to send
her. With kindest remembren-
ce to Mr. Gillespie, I am,

Very truly yours

Martha W. Beers

Bi-monthly Station letter.

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MR. SPEER.

109 Kolhapur India
Sept-21st-1898

My dear Mr. Gillespie-

Last month was the regular time for the station letter and I was the one appointed to write it; but I must confess that the month went by without my thinking of it, and I ask your pardon for this delay.

Though the letter was not written the work was going on as usual.

Most of the members of the station have kept well since the last letter was written, but I am sorry to say that dear Miss Patten is just recovering from a very painful attack of abscess in both ears. I think we all feel that her furlough home is coming none too soon. Is it overstepping the province of a bi-monthly letter to beg that when she gets home she be allowed to rest.

Some three weeks ago we were rejoicing in the fact of Mr Seilers having bought a bicycle and his rapid

progress in learning to ride on it, thinking it would be such a help to him in his village work.

Two weeks ago, today, he took his first long ride on it returning from a village, just as he was entering the Mission compound he was thrown off the wheel straining his left knee very severely. Mr Sinclair told him yesterday that he had narrowly escaped having a white swelling, which I suppose would mean permanent lameness.

He is going about the house on crutches, but we hope he will be able to walk again before many days. This unusual confinement to bed & the house has been less irksome to him as he was appointed by the Mission, to help draw up a map of our own & contiguous Mission fields, as he has taken this time to complete it.

Mr Goheen is kept busy with his village work, Sunday School & street preaching and the many many little things which can not be put on paper. There have been two baptisms in Nadgaum since the last letter was written, a woman and her grandchild.

3rd.

Mrs. Coheens two girls schools are going on as usual. I often see her going into the city twice in one day, and I think of the many personal pleasures & comforts she must have to sacrifice in order to do this.

Both Mr. Coheen & Mr. Seiler have had many calls for help this year, we still feel the effects of the famine. Mrs. Ferris & Miss Patton are going on with their daily duties in the girls school, and you know something what the moral, mental & physical care of sixty girls must be.

Unlike the others my work comes to my door in the form of lessons with the Bible women, a little class in English class &c.

A rather interesting thing occurred in the City during Ganapati week in August. A student in Rajaram College took an image of Ganapati (the elephant god) & instead of prostrating himself before it, put a shoe on its head & hung it up to a post in his hotel, when the people heard of what he had done they made a great fuss about it.

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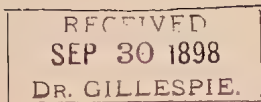
and he was summoned before the court for trial, but we hear today that he has apologized and quiet has been restored. However it shows that there are some independent minds struggling to get out of heathen darkness & yet not recognizing the true Light.

We are very thankful that there is no plague in Kolhapur but very sorry to say that it has come to Miraj where the Chief & Mr. Wanless under God have warded it off so long. Pray for us that it may not come here. Our Annual Meeting is almost upon us! Where has the year gone to! We shall be in session when you get this & there will be some hard questions to settle especially about who shall have charge of both boarding schools. I need not ask for your prayers at that time for I am sure you will remember us earnestly.

Yours in Christ

Mary L. Seiler

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Nephi, Utah.
Sept. 23rd - 1898.

Dear Dr. Gillespie: -

Yesterday the letter you wrote, July 12th, to the Western India Mission came into my hands.

It was the very first intimation I have ever had that my work in India was not satisfactory. On the other ^{hand}, I have received praise at different times from our missionaries.

It is impossible for me to give you

I cannot believe anyone would
purposefully injure me & through
me others — simply because of
other circumstances, which you
know of & which I believe false!

If I have said or implied anything
unkind or unchristian, I beg
pardon — I have not intended to
do so — but I have been wounded without
a cause & it is hard to be mild.

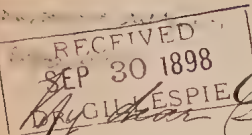
I think an explanation is due
me.

Yours Sincerely
Rachel Levin.

32 Hillside Ave.

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Dr. Gillespie

My dear Sir and I greet
you and I trust may be extended
until we hear from our next
Mission Meeting - regarding the plan
for a village settlement.

My motion regarding the new plan
was sent to our Missionaries last
March. Some have wished to have
the plan discussed in Mission Meeting
therefore we cannot hope to receive
Mission action before the next of Nov.
(unless a cable is sent.)

The plan emphasizes evangelistic
work and seeks to lessen expense
by so grouping workers that they
can share household expenses.

The district for which we as a Mission
are responsible - contains over 2000
towns and villages. Many of these
are seldom if ever reached by any
Gospel message.

By settling in a village district
and putting our best time into
village work we can reach those who
have never yet heard of Jesus.

I know some young women who are
deeply interested in this line of work.
I therefore desire to delay in this
country - in order that if the Settlement
plan is approved by our Mission
and Board - some workers may
accompany us to India.

Hoping that the Board will be
willing to extend my furlough and
allowance until Oct 1st and wishing
to sail earlier - if possible.

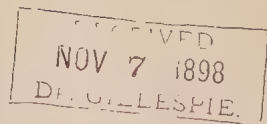
Oct. 29th 1898. Very sincerely,
Jesse E. Widener.

E. W. Seiler

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Kolhapur, India, Oct. 4, 1898

Rev. Dr. J. Gillespie, Secy &
New York.



Dear Bro:-

In her recent bi-monthly letter to you, Mrs Seiler forgot to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of July 19th and July 25th. In the course of our missionary work and policy, we try to keep in view your instructions and suggestions, and I try to influence others as much as I can in the exercise of economy. I was in the U. S. when drought & financial stringency were severe, and I know how hard it is to collect money "at home".

substitute
proposed for
Mrs. Ferris
&
Miss Patton

It is in contemplation to ask for two ladies to take the places of Mrs Ferris and Miss Patton who have charge of the Girls Boarding School and who expect to go on furlough next March. I have thought that Miss Sherman and Brown should come here from Kotoli and take the school, but it seems they would be very loth to leave the Kotoli field, wh. they think needs them much. I like the principles of the Lao Missionaries, but if we can carry out our now that we hoped might be practicable in

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Some small degree even now, we shall do well. The
Laos country is not thickly inhabited, and the peo-
ple are harder than those here. The stubborn fact at
the root of our difficulty here is that the class of
people who come to us are debt- and poverty-stricken & cast
^{poverty of the} ~~poverty~~ ridden, and the question with nearly all of them is not so
much, "How shall a fit teacher, elder & preacher be raised
up among us?" as, "What shall we get to eat?" If any are
taught, then subsequently they set a pecuniary value on
their services. I am not saying this in a pessimistic
spirit. I am confirmed in my belief that we ought to
live on simpler lines ourselves, and as I have often in-
sisted, build smaller bungalows.

A month ago I bought a \$32 bicycle, expecting to go more frequently to villages, some of them pretty far out, but, unfortunately I fell and sprained my left knee. ^{sprained knee.} and still use crutches. I am giving up teaching English classes (tho that was not interfering with my evangelistic work in the city) and when I recovers fully I intend to do more village work. My hobby now with the Hindus is that they must try to live in such a way that they can convince their neighbours that their morality is better than that of Hindus, otherwise how can they expect them to give up their religion? Plague is getting bad in Miraj, and is spreading this way. I fear our evangelists

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119 S. Ohio Ave.

Columbus, Ohio

8th October 1898

Dear Dr. Brown:

Your letter of 5th inst. is received, telling of Dr. Gillespie's mess. We are very grieved and surprised, yet thankful that he is recovering. Remember us kindly to him. We are remembering him at the throne of grace. Please thank Miss M. Millan for her note, which just preceded yours.

Dr. Gillespie will be much missed at the Synods. I hope I may be used of the Lord at

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J. M. Goheen

Nolchapur, India, Oct. 13th 1898.

Res John Gillespie, D.D.

Secretary.

My dear Dr. Gillespie:-

It is my turn

Mr. Seiler
recovering

to write the station letter this month. I will say first that your letter to Mrs. Goheen, also one to the Mission of Sept. 9th were received this week. Since the last letter was written our station has enjoyed fairly good health. I am glad to say that Mr. Seiler has almost recovered the use of his leg. He has been able to do a good deal of work notwithstanding his lameness. Mrs. Ferris and Miss Patton are busy with stanniations in the Christian girl's school. Plague is still bad in Saugli and Miraj stations so this school will not close for the October vacation as usual.

Reports In addition to our usual work we are now preparing our reports for the past mission year, also making out estimates for the coming year. We sincerely hope the Board will not be obliged to cut us as ^{we} were last year. It is very discouraging to be obliged to close work that has been carried on for years for lack of funds,

The time for our annual meeting is drawing very near, and we have just been informed officially that the King of Kolhapur does not wish any missionaries from plague-infected stations to go to Paunkhala. We all expected to meet there next Thursday, the 20th. This order from the King quite upsets our plans. He does not object to our holding the meeting here at Kolhapur so a motion is being circulated calling for the meeting to be held

Plague ^{here} the 27th. Plague is spreading rapidly in towns around Miraj so the authorities have forbidden the sale of tickets from Miraj to Kolhapur, except to Europeans who travel first class. "Man proposes but God disposes". Is He not afflicting this people because they refuse to turn from their idols to worship and serve Him? Some natives tell us that the plague is sent because the population of India is increasing so rapidly. God sent the plagues upon Pharaoh because he refused to let the people go with Moses. I very much fear that He is now afflicting this people because they refuse to turn to Him. Will you not ask the Churches at home to pray earnestly for India at this time, as well as for us who are preaching Christ to them. Yours, in the Master's service.

J. M. Goheen.

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Mrs. E. H. Ferris

Wohapur. India

Oct. 13. 1898

My dear Mr. Gillespie;

As we have been busy the past week as a Station preparing Reports & Estimates, it became apparent to us that we did not know how to put in an estimate for our home salary.

This set me to thinking and as a result I am writing to ask you about it.

I feel as if I would be glad to know what to expect for myself ^{a widow} & my children.

(1) Will you kindly tell me what my ^{a widow} home allowance will be during my furlough? I trust the way will soon open for my return here.

(2) Will the allowance for my two children, ^{children's allowance} - my youngest son and my daughter, who alone will be entitled to an allowance - be only \$100.⁰⁰ each or \$150.⁰⁰?

I really hope the larger amount for my second son like my oldest son ^{will be} ~~off~~ of the allowance, but he has such a desire for having that I want

him to continue at Wooster, if I can manage it.

(3) A third question is this. May I plan to store a few of my boxes in the Board's store-room until I know what I am to do and where I am to stay while at home?

I feel as if my destination would be my husband's old home in Michigan but I may return east later on & the right time would be saved.

I shall have a number of boxes for I wish to carry their father's library & some of his other possessions home for his children.

Pardon my troubling you, but if you will kindly answer me, it will be a help and comfort to me.

It is hard for me to plan to leave the precious spot in our Cemetery, but my head & heart & body are very weary and I need rest, if God will let me get away for a time.

As I write, we are perplexed again.

The powers that be in this native State are again - or bidding our Annual Meeting at Pauhala, as the King is afraid that some one coming in from outside may take the Plague to Pauhala.

As yet we are free but in territory Plague under this State there were over seven hundred cases & over five hundred 500 deaths deaths during this past week, from Plague.

Our Boarding School closed today its school year, but as we do not give a vacation, we reopen on Monday again.

Believe me

Very sincerely,
 Geo. H. R. [unclear]

Your kind letter of June ^{to me} was received & appreciated, I assure you.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

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Kolhapur, India
Oct 26/98

Dear Dr. Gillespie,

The following action has been
taken by our Mission:-

"As the appropriations for the return
of Misses Minor and Jefferson to Amer-
ica will not be required this year,

Moved:- That we ask the Board to
allow a portion of it to be used to defray
the travelling expenses of Charlie Tedford
to the United States in the Spring."

Our mission is now in the midst
of its Annual Meeting. I send this
motion at once as it is desirable
that it reach the Board early.

Sincerely,
Edgar M. Wilson,
Sec.

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Kalthapur India

Oct. 27, 1898.

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DR. GILLESPIE.

My Dear Dr. Gillespie,

Enclosed you
find an extract from
the minutes of our
present mission meeting.

In addition to the reason
given in the resolution
I would offer the one of
age. If he sails with
the party returning in the
spring, we think he
can do so on a
~~seam~~ half fare ticket.

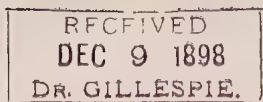
Will you kindly inform

me as to the decision
of the Council as soon
as you can.

I wish I had more
time to write. I would
say we are having
a most interesting
& harmonious meeting.

Fraternally yours

G. B. Leonard



177 ^{in what arrangements for}
was at Worcester.

2 Son Ralph doing good work
3 Annual Meeting over

Kolhapur. India ✓

4 Miss Wilde's ~~plan~~ disappointed
Nov. 7th 1898

My dear Dr Gillespie:

In writing a recent
letter to you inquiring about
home allowances, I forgot
to mention some Worcester
matters.

1-
(1) My son Ralph, now in
Sophomore year at Worcester
will be eighteen on December
10th How shall I arrange
about paying his board there

them in the Home, or must
I arrange for them ~~at~~ outside?

I do not know the rules.

My son Ralph is undoubtedly
making a good record
in College & I shall strain
every nerve to help him
to get through. I am led
to hope from his Christian
experience & his efforts
that he may be ^{the} one of my
sons who will perhaps enter
the ministry & perhaps the
missionary work as his calling.

Excepting as I stay here &
there with friends & relatives
I have no real home and
I do not see how I can rent
a house for a short time.
Of course if my health does
not improve I then will have
to stay home.

³ Annual Meeting is over &
few changes made.

Mr. Simonson succeeds Mr.
Eckham as Treasurer.

Mr. E. M. Wilson is sent to
Sangli & the Boarding School
to be re-opened.

We laid down rules to govern

the relations of ourselves & the ladies of the F. B. M. Union one with another, to avoid difficulties which have arisen in the past year.

⁴ As a Union we were unanimous in ~~dis~~ disapproving of Miss Wilders plan for a Village Settlement. — We had too few facts to guide us; we felt unable to lay out a scheme for such work until we knew more of it; we disapproved of having a differently ~~planned~~

set of workers, until some one
would try it & report upon it;
in our own field; we asked
Miss Wilder to urge her friends
to apply through the Board to
be appointed as regular workers
on regular pay & if they found
the salary too much they
could return to the Board all
the extra money.

I must close. Believe me
very sincerely

Yours in the work
Lucy H. Ferris.

"Indian Notes" is to be stopped
as our own seemed to wish to say
it on after my departure

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Ceylon, Dec 8th 1898.
S_g
Rev John Gillespie Esq.
156 Fifth Ave N. York



~~Dr. Gillespie~~ I have just returned from our Annual Mission Meeting at Kolhapur. Yesterday I sent you some of the reports of Ratnagiri Station. The others have not been handed me to forward. The Minutes of our Meeting will doubtless reach you with or soon after this letter. In order that you may understand more fully some actions then taken I am adding this letter.

1st At the beginning of the Meeting I handed in my resignation of the office of Secretary for the G.B.M.M. Ladies, which I urged them to accept. My reasons were the confusion and embarrassment arising from the incomplete definition of the duties of the Corresponding Secretary, by the G.B.M.M. Society and our own Mission, - the consequent misunderstanding between the Corresponding Secretary on the one hand, and the London Secretary, the Ladies of the G.B.M.M. and our Mission, on the other; and then the apparent lack of confidence and disposition to interfere on the part of some members of our Mission. The special occasion was the bringing of some of the Ladies to Ceylon. The action of our Mission last year locating the new group at Ratnagiri, had refused the new workers straight from England without the language. The ones brought to Ceylon were already on the full ground.

Years, one having passed the second and the other two the first Exam. in Marathi. The London Com. had now recognized the location of the Second group in Ratnagiri, and has named Misses Thompson and Evans for Durgarla and approved Miss Sharps transfer to Durgarla. The division of the group of six already appointed to our Mission into three each at Ratnagiri and Durgarla was first suggested by the London Committee. All the actions of our Mission had been quoted in full by me to the Committee in London, and whatever else was written by way of information or recommendation was written as my personal opinion as Cor. Sec'y.

I have tried to follow the Holy Spirit's leading, the directions of both Missions, and my own conscientious judgment, - but when this was the result, *opinion & feelings*

And when this was connected with many other things that have occurred in the past eight years and the suggestions started by your letter of July 12th to the Mission, - I decided at this juncture to make the Mission entirely free with respect to me and secure a definite expression on the occasion of our approaching Jubilee, by resigning the office of President of the Mission and starting a motion to approve our intention to resign membership in this Mission.

The Mission took the following actions in order, -

1st. - A unanimous vote not to approve of my resigning from the Mission.

This does not appear in the Minutes, being a lost motion.

2nd. - A vote not to accept my resignation as President, (not in the Minutes).

- for the same reason, and later, my reelection to the same.
- 3rd - The reference of my resignation as Cor. Secy for the Y.P.T.U.M. to a Committee on the whole subject of relations with that Mission.
- 4th - Report of Locating Committee leaving me in Brugula. Carried.
- 5th - Report of Com. on Y.P.T.U.M. as recorded in the Minutes. Of which I can approve of only a part.
- 6th - Location of all the Y.P.T.U.M. Ladies in Ratuagiri with liberty recommended for Misses Sharp and Ferguson to reside in Brugula, as recorded in the Minutes.
- 7th - Vote to ask the Board to authorize the opening of Brugula as a Station from next Mission Meeting, if they can send another man.
- 8th - Election of Miss C.M. Jefferson as Secretary for the next year.

During Mission Meeting and to the Meeting it was notified that Misses Thompson ^{as well as Miss Sharp} and Evans wished to stay at Brugula. On returning I find they still strongly wish it. They are greatly pleased with the opening they have for their work here.

2nd Our Estimates as you will observe anticipate a furlough for Mrs. Swin and me in the Spring of 1900. My first term of service was up in Nov. 1898, but we did not then go home since we thought we were - ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~mission~~ ^{mission}; and our health did not then demand it.

3rd. You will naturally ask about the provision made for Ratuagiri. You will observe that Mr & Mrs Wilson have been transferred, in August

Mr and Mrs Hamm have been transferred to Ratnagiri in anticipation of their arrival. At present therefore there are stations in Ratnagiri field, Misses Minor and Jefferson, six J.B.M. Cadis and ourselves and Mr & Mrs Hamm in advance. Ourselves and two J.B.M. Cadis are permitted to reside in Bungalow. Leaving Misses Minor and Jefferson and four J.B.M. Cadis in Ratnagiri at present. The Presbytery has appointed me in charge of Ratnagiri Church and it is understood that I visit it every month or two to administer Sacraments and conduct cases of discipline and moderate the Session and arrange services between the Elders and the local preachers.

You will observe that the Mission anticipates the coming year by assigning Mr & Mrs Hamm to Ratnagiri, presenting an estimate for Dispensary for 5 mos (in view of the possible assignment of Dr Wilson to Bungalow at next Mission Meeting 5 mos before the end of the estimate year), and by asking the Board for the appointment of an ordained man to Ratnagiri field. (A dozen new men would be a better number to start with for the Konda field.)

Now, Doctor, let me refer to your letter to me dated Feb 24 and another to Mrs Irwin dated , in which you express a doubt as to yet leaving our old center up and running.

Ratnagiri is a town of about 15,000 in a hollow at the edge of a barren plateau, where we have worked since 1873 with the results you know. This town is in a long strip of Coastland about 150 miles, containing a population of about 1,500,000 people.

Providence, Location, and other Missions have been abandoned to our Mission's care. I say this personally - The Mission almost every year more or less questions the retention of Ratnagiri as our Station in the Konkan, and has difficulty, great difficulty, in getting missionaries and native helpers to go there on account of health, barrenness and, in the case of natives, of expense.

We are sent with the Gospel to the people, not to a bungalow and a circle of wilful rejectors, are we not? Does Mission strategy always demand that we stick to our garrisons?

In this case I am firmly convinced that it would be a strategical blunder to stick too closely to Ratnagiri town.

I believe in general in strong Stations, but the principle has its exceptions, and I believe this is one. I believe in holding Ratnagiri ^{perhaps} but not with a large force; one ordained man, one medical lady, and other workers as at present, is enough, in my opinion.

We need to spread over this Konkan, which is a peculiar field, and go where the openings are, where our little force can do the most.

As I wrote last year we need Stations at Ratnagiri, Durgada and Chiplun, - outstations at Sangameshwar, ^{Jaipur}, Malwan, Savant Wadi and Goa, to begin with. But with so small a force as we have, why should we confine ourselves to battering at a stone wall in one place while there are open doors and pastures elsewhere; simply because we have a bungalow and church building there? Again, shall we follow practically the leading of the Spirit of Christ our Lord, or a rigid principle of Stations?

This, I assure you Doctor, is a burning and practical question. In this desire to reduce estimates our Mission has asked for one man for Ratnagiri field; our Station asked for two ordained married men; but I would ask for what I believe we need as a minimum ^{with which} to begin in earnest to work this field, thus abandoned to us, ^{viz.} five ordained married men, one male physician, one female physician, and five married native helpers, besides as many as will come of G.B.A.M. ladies. It is a shame to play with this field as we have done, - on such a slight scale and cooped up in Ratnagiri, stratching what little work we had started. Half our Mission field almost is on this side the mountains, and one or two of the younger men with a few ladies to assist around the immense area or stand like Simon Stylites on a pedestal in Ratnagiri looking at the rocks and the sea and an Arabian sunset! I plead for two things, 1st Not to be confined to one small town because there is a Mission bungalow. 2nd Not to be left alone in such a vast field.

4th.

As to opening Brugarola as a Station next Mission Meeting. This would be next October before Misses Minor and Jefferson, Mrs. Smith and I, go on furlough, - about five months. To accomplish it there would be available, - most probably two full groups of Gwana ladies to assist; and to form the Stations of Ratnagiri and Brugarola, - At Ratnagiri Misses Minor and Jefferson for five months and at Brugarola

or their substitutes a full year and on; At Bungalow, ourselves for five months and Dr & Mrs Wilson a full year & on, with what-
-ever reinforcements you may send to either Ratnagiri or
Bungalow; with the prospect that Misses Minor and Jefferson
will return to Ratnagiri and Mrs Irwin and I to Bungalow.

Mean while it should not be regarded as impossible that these
two Stations might be strengthened from the Deccan, if deemed ad-
-visable.

Now that the war is over, the debt paid, and material
prosperity returning to the Country, we hope that by that time
the Board would be able to reinforce the Konkan.

It is no small consideration that the way is prepared
here, and that two bungalows are available for rent at once,
without ~~at once~~ asking for appropriations to put up new
buildings.

Praying that you will be guided and supported
in all things by the Lord

Yours sincerely

J. M. Irwin

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DR. GILLESPIE.

1- Explanation - of estimates -
Comment on Report
Illness of Mr. Gillespie arrival of
Panhala India Nov. 13-98. ^{Mr. Gill}

My Dear Dr. Gillespie.

L. B. Yedford -

1- I would send some reasons or explanation of estimates for the Panhala Station. You will observe that a lady physician has been asked for Kodali. The station asks for a lady for the reason that she does not call for so much salary nor room as that of a male. We think we should have a physician; as we have an excellent dispensary all ready & equipped. Besides we live in the midst of many people & especially in the season when sickness so much prevails a demand for medical aid is great. We also have the largest Christian community in all the mission. And lastly I would add that the Sadur Board of the South-west have a candidate for Kodali.

Lady
asked
for

Repairs

Rs 600 are asked for extra repairs on the Panhala buildings. In stating the reasons perhaps I could not better than quote the report of the Property Com. which during mission meeting went to Panhala to examine the said buildings.

"Your letter to which was referred the consideration of the Parkala property, have personally inspected the buildings & beg to report as follows:

1st- That the roof extensions of the main building are in danger of collapse owing to the weak timbers giving way. The walls of this bungalow we found to be on the plumb. but owing to the South end wall settling into the soft foundation on which it rests, the walls have cracked in several places. We do not consider this South wall in danger of falling, but will in all probability continue to settle a little every successive unless the foundation can be kept dry.

2nd On "Hail Cottage" we found the Western wall bulged outward & in danger of falling.

We report that the following repairs are needed:

1st- That the main Bungalow roof extensions be repaired on the West & North sides; and that the extension of roof ~~off~~ in the South east angle be removed & that under this angle eaves, ~~a~~ galvanized iron ~~xxx~~ troughs be placed to carry off the rain water from the foundations. And to

further protect foundations a bed of well packed masonry
be placed in such a way as to shed the water over the
retaining wall (or surrounding embankment).

The probable cost of the above will be Rs 500.

2nd We recommend that the Western wall of
Haile College be rebuilt at a probable cost of
Rs 40."

Then to protect the tiles on the verandah of
Haile College from the storms (which not long since destroy-
ed about all of them) Rs 60 were sanctioned for ceiling
this verandah. In this way the sum total for extra
repairs for Pankhala, sanctioned was Rs 600.

Pankhala
as a Sani-
tarium

This year we had long & thorough discussion on the
subject of Pankhala; & as the decision of
some years past as to retaining Pankhala as a
sanitarium was reaffirmed. We trust the Board
can sanction this estimate for preserving this
valuable property. Mahabeshwor is an expensive
health resort & as our Bengal there is capable
of accommodating comparatively few of our m. & as
P. is centrally located we hope you can see
its real importance as a cheap & convenient
sanitarium.

Without again reiterating the reasons against Puchea
 as a mission station or from it caring for the
 interests of the field, we trust the Board can readily see
 the wisdom of our request for funds for another
Temple. In addition to the small sum at Kodal
 we are asking for a building somewhere near
 Islamabad - quite out of this native State which
 sometimes very much hampers us by its very
conservative Hindu laws. We want to get much
near the very centre of this field. We of this
 station thoroughly believe in living in a village
 or town - among a docile people not requiring
 so much supplanting of religious belief as
 among the more educated, prejudiced, Pro-
mined, government classes. For a Christian
 missionary a Bethany is often more preferable than
 a Jerusalem.

2 - I trust you will not fail to notice in reading our
 report what we are trying to do for the temporal
welfare of our extremely poor Christians. Think
 please of a town church having no more land
 for the living than for the dead; most of their
 real estate being that of a cemetery.

I hope you will not misinterpret the resolution asking for \$100 which to buy land at Kodali. We do not ask the money to enlarge the mission compound for the sake of ourselves but for the benefit of our people. There are something like 9 acres just in front of the Kodali temple which I think can be had for the \$100; and though not fertile still it can be made so. The good arable land about us costs \$100 per acre. Our people rent - Such soil it is true but the landlords ^{or demand} charge such rates from our people that it is simply unwise for them to rent.

3 I am very thankful the windmill has arrived in good condition. Mr. Jolly was to help erect it but poor man I am very sad to write is now laid aside with a serious heart trouble. When I get it into good order I believe it will be a blessing to our people in more ways than one. When discussing the matter of help for the people I was asked if money was not wanted to pay for the mill, they were told if the \$100 could be had for the land we would try & pay for the mill. I was also told that it was not thought necessary to get the Board's permission to appeal to some friends for funds to help us on the mill. Is it

necessary in this case? Is it not a privilege to
help those who are not only trying to be Christians but
also must the demands implied in being a Christian? A
respectable member of the Church refused ^{this year} to
his answer for so doing was that he might not come
to death. I am more & more dissatisfied with the ^{disparity of} conduct
of our Mission agents & with the rank & file of the Church.
An easy matter for a man with a comfortable
salary that provides for him on the Sabbath to preach
the doctrine of divine providence, but rather hard
sacrifices for a poor man of doubtful wages of ^{even} three
cents per day & nothing for the Sabbath to believe
it.

In prospect of caring for our plague-stricken people
& for itinerating these plague days, I have been
inoculated. Mr. Siler & I are preparing for a long
tour. If the antidote or remedy for Plague is by
our means a pleasant one what must the
disease be?

Yours Very Sincerely
L. B. LeFond.

180 Miraj Nov 24/98

My dear Dr Gillespie

By last mail I forwarded the Miraj station report & I now enclose herewith the personal reports for this station. Deussen has prevented the sending of a report from Mr Waulson.

I feel that my own personal report would admit of more brevity. The plague work not particularly mentioned in the station report is my ^{only} apology for its length.

At the time of writing I am thankful to say that plague has practically disappeared from the Miraj town though there are yet many cases in the fields where the majority of the people are camped out. We have had but one plague case among ourselves or native Christians & this one, Dr Deussen I am

Thankful to say recovered.

This remarkable result
is due under God's blessing
to the use of inoculation
by Professor Haffner's
Plague prophylactic.

Up to date we have inoculated
about 2500 persons against
the plague under mission
auspices, the Government
having furnished the
serum.

We all regret to hear
of your recent illness.

By the time this reaches
you I trust you will have
recovered your customary
health again.

We are all well in the station
excepting Mr. Wankler who
is just recovering from
a severe attack of gastritis.

With our united than greetings
to Mrs. Pillsbury your daughter
& yourself best cordially yours
W. J. Wankler

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Miri, Nov 24/98

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MR. SPEER.

My dear Mr. Speer

Your very kind letter of Oct 8th was duly received.

I enjoyed the enclosed clipping & hope I may be able to make some use of it. Some one has sent me the full reports of the Northfield conferences & I have greatly enjoyed reading the addresses. Mr. Egbert

Seafelds & your own have been especially helpful.

In our Sunday evening English class we have been using your book "The man Christ Jesus" as a text book & have found it splendidly adapted to our course. We use it with the black board.

The class is attended by the Christian medical students & missionaries of the station. My plan has been to use your outline & headings.

adding additional references
to those of the book. The selected
quotations are excellent & we greatly
enjoy them. They often furnish
a light or suggestions for new subjects
& references in the study.

I enclose some clippings
from one of the Bombay papers
which you may find useful
in your study of India.

I am glad to know that
you have had an opportunity
of getting better acquainted
with Dr. Conner. He certainly
is a splendid man, a man
whom we have learned
to greatly esteem for what
he is in character, that
quiet, lovely, earnest spirit
of God. Dr. Milbr of Bryn Mawr
has ^{had} I believe a wonderful
influence over Dr. Conner.

Dr. Milbr is retiring here known
only in a limited circle as a pastor
but he is one of the loveliest
men. His loveliness has
been an inspiration to me

He is one regarding whom I like
to think of as of John, "The disciple
whom Jesus loved"

We are all sorry to hear of
Dr. Gillespie's illness. Mr.
Hammum in a recent letter
spoke of him as having had
a mild attack of apoplexy.
We hope that such is not the
case since your letter seemed
to indicate that his sickness
was of a temporary character.

I am thankful to report
that now ten weeks since the
outbreak of plague here that
the disease has been nearly
stamped out in the town.

There are still a good many
cases in the fields where
the people are camped out
these fields became infected
from the town & the disease
is the worst among the
Mohammedans they being
the last to have infected
parts of the town. Inoculation
has done much in saving

the lives of the people. It has
proved to be the only efficient
means of combating the
disease. It has however
met with much opposition
due chiefly to religious prejudice
superstition & ignorance. These
are now slowly but surely giving
way & many of those who at
first stoutly opposed the measure
have been themselves inoculated.
Nearly 2700 have been inoculated
by Dr Wilson & myself up to date.

The report referred to in
your letter was not sent after
all — owing to an oversight of
my own ^{which I regret}. I send several
copies by this mail. The report
was published chiefly for circulation
in India & gifts received in
consequence have been of
its publication. The next one
we intend will be more taken
up with incidents & may be of
greater interest at home.

With our kindest Christian greetings
to yourself & Mr. Speer

P.S. Clippings enclosed
in reports sent. Yours very cordially
W. J. Brauland

Kolhapur. S. M. C. India.

Nov. 22nd 1898

Rev. J. Gillespie. d.d.

Mrs. Harris

My dear Mr. Gillespie;

Although it is not quite time for the bi-monthly from our Station, and I have the pleasure of being the next to write, the Station has asked me to write earlier and explain to you the Estimate Sheets which are now doubtless in your hands. Before I proceed to speaking more of those figures, let me express to you not only great regret over the word we have from our friends about your recent illness, but our great wish and desire for your speedy and complete restoration to health.

The members of this Station are in their usual health. Mrs. Seiler has been suffering severely from tooth-ache, and anticipates little relief until a dentist can be reached.

The Annual Meeting was held here from October 21st until November 3rd,

instead of at Pankhala. It was intimated to us that the young rajah did not wish any one from Plague infected districts, to go there. In all ways we try to pay deference to his wishes, but we had strong doubts as to the source from which the intimation originated. While we took measures to convene here, we also wrote and asked for an official notification of the wish. We did not receive it; simply an evasive intimation that the conference had better convene elsewhere. We all like to go to Pankhala in October to escape the severe heat prevailing there, but really Kolhapur is much more convenient for the house-keepers - for they are nearer the source of supplies. While Mr. Wauters was in here - in the Annual Meeting, much of his time between sessions was occupied in inoculating people as a preventive against Plague. Over two hundred people were done. They

were mostly native Christians of our own
 Mission and members of the S. P. F. Mission.
 Some of their missionaries, as well
 as Messrs Seiler and Tedford, Messrs Patten
 and Sherman, and John Seiler and Francis
 Cohen, of our Mission. Later Mr.
 Wilson has come in, and has
 inoculated three hundred more. In
 Kolhapur, Mr. Ferris and Miss Brown
 were done. Several Hindus and
 some of our Mohammedan servants
 were done, as well as all the boarders in
 our Girls' Boarding School.

Affairs in this little State are in a
 strange condition and we can not tell
 on whom rests the responsibility of
 neglect in certain matters and so
 while it is said that the rajah
 forbids inoculations in the State as
 it is feared there will be riots
 as in other places, ^{where it was made compulsory,} our experience
 is that the people are willing and
 eager to accept it and escape the
 Plague if it should get in here.
 It is certainly getting closer to Kolhapur.

Instead of writing of the actual work this time, I am instructed by the Station to write in reference to the Estimates prepared by this Station, and which were presented to and approved by the Mission, without a single change or criticism.

We, as a Station went into the work of making out our Estimates with thought and prayer, and we have made them close and as low as possible.

We have asked under Restored only the actual needed sum, to meet the monthly expenditures.

For New work we have asked for only a few rupees actually needed in a few places, while of course Class VIII, Alteration and Addition to the Girls' Boarding School, School house, is all new, although we have asked for it for five years, I believe. This being the sixth time.

God grant that Nohapur Station may be exempt from any cut the coming year.

~~Est~~
 Agreement upon the Classes as follows.

Class II

- A. Mrs Ferris' Home Allowance is estimated as being five hundred and fifty dollars.
 || We know of no rule to guide us, except paragraph 16 of the Board's Manual.
 B. For Mrs Ferris' children we estimated at the rate of one hundred dollars each presuming that their mother's presence at home will reduce the allowance.

Class III.

When we see how much opportunity for work there is here, and considering that Mrs Fohm and Mrs Siler have their hands full, we greatly desire at least two ladies to be sent to this Station, to help the busy ones, and to take up work which can not be done by the present force.

Class IV.

- C. Under this sub-class we are able to
 Rs 30 less ask for Rupies thirty less than last year.
 D. Here we ask for Rupies thirty seven less
 Rs 37 less than last year.
 F. In this ~~xxxx~~ sub-class we ask the same

Class IV. as before. Our missionaries do not
 contribute all our conveyances, nor do the Indians
 contribute at all, and the missionaries
 have no money for a conveyance hired
 for touring. The large, unwieldy tent
 being sold a few years ago, the money,
 by a mistake reverted to the Board,
 and although the sum of Ruppes
three hundred has come out on the
 Appropriation Sheet each year, still
 in this we have had to cut that to meet a
 class part of the cut, each year.

We ask for this whole class we ask Ruppes
Rs 67. sixty seven less than was on the Ap-
 propriation Sheet
 Class V.

- A. We have asked the same for the Gile
 Boarding School, although the estimate
 for the fees makes the total a trifle less.
 B. Under this sub-class, we ask for money
 with which to carry on the present
 six schools, and to re-open two
 which were closed in June 1897.

Rs 54 (1). Shu kravar School.

less. For this we ask Ruppes fifty four less

Class V. (2.) Ravivar School. In anticipation of

B. Miss Wilder's return and ⁱⁿ the knowledge
 continued that she built and gave this school-
 house to the mission, we desire to re-open
 Rs 15. { this school. We estimate the expense
 increase as probably Rupur fifteen more than
 formerly granted.

(3) Ruv Budhvar School. We seem to
 have a very large increase of expense here.
 The teacher taught elsewhere, but as the
 funds for rent and expense of the
 Teacher Shunivar School were cut off, the
 from one teacher was placed here to help here.
 school Taken. For Ruv Budhvar and
 sent here Shunivar Schools, Rs 354 were esti-
 + the mated last year, but now for the
 whole exp. one we ask only Rs 259; a saving
 pence, less of Rs 95.

(4) Mangalvar School. This is closed
 but the teacher while belonging in
 and paid according to the teachers
 class, is the only preacher available
 Rs 99. to help Mr. Sitter, and so only his
 less. bare salary is retained here, being
 the estimate Rs 99. less.

Class V. (5) Sonwar School. For this we only ask
B. the full amount needed.

Continued (6). Sherla (Out-station) School. This is the
same as last year.

(7). Shalundi (Out-station) School. This is
the same as last year.

(8). We most sincerely desire to re-
open the school at Hiri Out-station.
It is the only place there where any
of the Christians can be taught, and
therefore there should be a school.

on
Class Schools The total Appropriations - in May Schools,
is this year, were Rs 2204, while we
Rs 398. now ask only Rs 1803, making a de-
crease of Rs 398.

Class VII.

A. In this sub-class we ask for Rs 76 for
rents to be paid out, but we estimate
gain for an income of Rs 96 from houses used
the Board by the helpers; a gain of Rs 20 to the
Rs 20. Board, over expenditure.

B. In this sub-class we ask for the same
as last Appropriations.

D. In this sub-class we also ask for the same.

Class VII. as last Appropriation.

R 756 You will observe that in this Class we
 do not estimate R 756 less than the Appropriation
 last year. Shuts

Class VIII.

For the sake of the health of the pupils
 and convenience and comfort in teaching
 we need an addition to the School-
 House of the Boarding School. This is

R 2100. about the sixth time we have asked
 or \$700.00 for it.

asked Surely the work of educating the future
 for our mothers of our Church should be
 addition. well done. We pray you to grant

us this sum of R 2100., which
 equals seven hundred dollars.

Class IX.

A. For expense of Mission Meetings or
 business ordered by the Mission we ask
 the same as before.

B. Under this sub-class we ask R 10 less
 R 10. less. than before

C. An account of letters to the Board and
 Treasurers work we ask the same here
 as before.

Class IX

Continued Here we again estimate Rs 600. to enable

F. a house to be rented, in case of need, or two sets of rooms in different places, in case several are obliged to go to Mahabeshwar in the hot season of 1900. A cheap house is at least

Rs 760. for the season.

Less Nothing here is planned for travelling expenses for a 'hot season change.

Cost In this Class we ask Rs. 760. less than year. last year.

I enclose a slip showing a comparison. Where I refer to last year or to Appropriations, I speak always of the un-cut Appropriations.

Trusting a blessing will rest upon the Church at home and that you and we may be prospered in our work of giving the Gospel to those in darkness, and building up in faith and Christian living those who have turned to the light.

'Believe me, very sincerely, on behalf of the Station,
Lucy H. Ferris.

Wolchapur Station.

Estimates for 1899-1900.		Appropriation Sheet for 1898-1899.	
Class IV	917	Class IV	984
" V. A.	3755	" V. A.	3762
" " B.	1803	" " B.	2201
" VII	443	" VII	1199
" VIII	2100		
" IX	735	" IX	1495
	9753		9641

Omitting Rs 2100 asked over in Class VIII
 there are Rs 7653 only asked this year.
 A decrease on work in operations
 of Rs 1988, on Appropriations Sheet
 for the current year

- 1 - Stimulating ^{Plagues}
- 2 - Inoculated ^{Bazaar} Bhojaum

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- 3 - Proposed marriage
- 4 - Dr. McArthur suggested
for her place
for a year

Rev. John Gillespie D.D.

Dr. Gillespie: Sherman

1 - Miss Brown & I are
out again in the tent
touring in the district
visited by us a year ago.
I am glad to tell you that
the people seem much less
averse of us than last
year & that we have had
attentive listeners in almost
every one of the fourteen
villages visited by us up
to date. Yesterday we were
in a small village in the
hills ^{about} six miles from
here. When the people saw
us they seemed really

pleased + said: "Come let
~~us~~ hear some more of what
you told us last year."

We felt amply repaid for
our long walk there + back.
The trip took us from 6:30 to
12 M. We have to rise about
5 o'clock every morning in
order to reach the villages
before the people scatter out
into their fields.

2 We are both in excellent
health in spite of our long
tramps. Just after mission
meeting I was inoculated
with plague serum + Miss
Brown had her turn two
weeks ago today. The
results for the first few
days are not pleasant
as the first few hours of
fever are followed ~~soo~~ by

two or three days of weakness
+ a very sore arm. If the
plague comes to Kodoli, as
it is likely to sooner or later,
we will be inoculated a
second time. All our boarding
school boys going from Kodoli
to Sangli + most of our
native Christians in Kodoli
were inoculated last week
by Dr. Wilson.

I must not send this
letter without telling you
that I will probably resign
from this mission + the
Board some time within
the next year. This is not
from any dissatisfaction
on my part with the work
or the workers; but because
I expect to marry a
member of the China Inland

Mission. I met Mr. Robert
Isrierson three years ago on
my voyage back to India. We
formed a mutual liking for
each other; but parted at
Aden with no word of any
serious nature. For over two
years we did not even
correspond but for the past
six months letters have
passed to & fro until matters
were settled. I can assure
you that I have not come
to this decision without much
thought & prayer. The facts
of my having learned this
language, of my being
a member of this mission
for nine years, & of my
being deeply attached to
our ^{native} people & missionaries
will be serious obstacles
in the way; but I feel that

I have done^{2.} what is right, in
the matter. One of the things
I most regret is, severing
my connection with our
Board under whose wise &
kind administration I have
laboured so long. I cannot
say as yet when I am
likely to leave India; but
will write you as soon as
my plans are made. I
am glad to hear that

McArthur would be
it to this mission in case
-ey for outfit & salary
could be raised. I assure
to me that, should I leave
the mission before next Fall,
my salary could go to her.
I will be writing soon to
the S. H. Board, & suggest this.
Yours sincerely,
H. A. German

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237 m. 74th St.,

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DR. GILLESPIE.

My dear Dr. Gillespie -

Myself and I are
expected to be with Mrs
Lee Monday evening and
Tuesday & next week.

As you may have a special
news for me Monday, I
write to ask if you will
kindly send to the care
of Mrs Wm H. Lee - 677
Madison Ave.

Was a message sent to the

Candidates after the last
meeting of the Board?

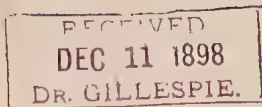
I understood that you would
send the Board's action. But
from letters recently received,
I fear it has not reached
them.

We are at Brother Wells' for
our "good-bye" visit.

With kindest regards to Mrs
Gilkepie - Ever cordially -
Grace E. Wheeler.

Dec. 3rd / 77.

P. S. Mother desires me to send
her kindest regards to yourself
and Mrs Gilkepie - G. E. W.



119 South Ohio Ave.
Columbus Ohio
9th December 1898

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

A letter which has lately come from one of the ladies on the field of our "Western India Mission" to my wife has filled us with amazement at the actions taken by the Mission in its meeting, which closed on the 3rd November. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson have been transferred from Ratnagiri to Dāngli, and Dr. A. S. Wilson has not been transferred from Miraj to Ratnagiri as was contemplated. This leaves Ratnagiri Station to be occupied by the ladies without any male missionary. Though Mr. Irwin is a member of the Station, his residence is 90 miles south and

Vengurle, and the Mission's action concerning Vengurle apparently contemplates his continuance there. However he is ^{not} certain to remain even so near Ratnagiri as that, for his furlough is now due. I notice that the Mission has transferred my wife's and my membership to Ratnagiri, but that has no practical significance now, for we are in the United States and are by no means certain when the Lord means us to return to India.

I venture to raise the question whether it is wise thus to leave a station without male missionaries. Please recall the positions of the stations. Here is a rough sketch map.



Of our five stations four are grouped together in the Dakkhans. Kolhapur and Pankhala are by road 12 miles apart, and Sangli and Miraj but 5 miles. The remaining station, Ratnagiri, is in the Konkana, 75 miles by road from its nearest neighbor, Pankhala, about two days' journey as you remember. Vengurle is 90 miles by steamboat from Ratnagiri, and about the same distance by road from Kolhapur. The Konkana field has about one third the population of the

Mission's field and has no Protestant workers nearer than Dapoli 60 miles north of Ratnagiri. The Dakkhana field has the "S. P. G." actively working in Kolhapur and Miraj, with several out-stations southward. Besides there are Pastor Sivaramaji with a good working church at Kolhapur and Pastor Satirba with a flourishing church in the Pankhala field. In the Dakkhana stations there ^{may be} counted about a dozen efficient Indian preachers and Christian teachers, and ^{in the Konkana} there is but one who can be called efficient (Basantarava at Vengurla) Basantarava having just now been removed from Ratnagiri to the Dakkhana with no one yet appointed to take his place.

Yet it is noted that of the 10 missionaries in the field, 7 are

be in the Dakkhana and 1 in the
 Honkama, or if Mr. Graham and
 Mr. Irwin leave on furlough next
 Spring, (according to what?) then the
 Dakkhana would have 8 and the Honkama
none. To my mind, no sound principle
 of mission policy can justify such
 a distribution of forces, whatever
 needs, general or special, may exist
 at the Dakkhana station. The
 medical, educational and other work.
 I say this although the hospital
 and plague work and the prospective
 reopening of the Boys' Boarding
 School are unquestionably important
 matters.

Compare the field at Sangli and
 Miraj with those of the other stations.
 Kolhapur has more out-stations than
 any other station (Sangli and Miraj

but one I believe
have ~~none~~) and as many schools
to manage as all the other stations
put together, I believe, including
the Girl's Boarding School. Yet
Kolhapur has only Mr. Seiler and
Mr. Gokeen as male missionaries.
Panhala Station has, at Kodoli
and Ajatavadi the largest and
most promising village work in
the Mission, but has only one male
missionary, Mr. Tedford. Ratnagiri
has a field as large as any two of
the other station-fields and only
one male missionary; and he lives
90 miles from his station and is
now entitled to a furlough, as
we also the two ladies at Ratnagiri.
Is it wise and right then that
six male missionaries be
concentrated at Dargli and Miraj?

In view of these things I make
bold to suggest that when the
records of the late meeting of the
Mission reach you, instruction
be sent - if the Council ~~and~~ the
Board so determine - to revise the
distribution of forces so as more
efficiently to cover the field of
the Mission.

I notice that the Mission
requests two new men as the
condition of opening a station at
Vengurle. If you can suggest
anything that I can do to secure
men for that new station or for
the old stations, I shall be happy
to do it to my utmost.

Praying for wisdom to you, to the
Board and to the Mission, I remain
Yours Cordially J. Wilson. H. C.

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- 1 - all work at Ratnagiri
- 2 Items to be inserted in estimates
- 3 - Baptism of young Brahmins

Engola, Roulan, India

Dec. 14th 1898

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Rev. John Gillespie D.D.

Dear Dr. Gillespie.

J. Macfarlane

Having just returned from Ratnagiri where Mrs. Irvine and I went on a visit in accordance with the appointments of the Presbytery and the Mission, and while there having held Communion for the Church and had Session Church and Station meetings, - I take pleasure in reporting to you that I found the missionaries all well and at work, & the Church harmonious and slightly enlarged by the accession of a few members from Kolhapur and Elsewhere, who are seeking to attain independent support. But especially -

I represent the Ratnagiri Church and Station in asking you to incorporate in the estimates for Ratnagiri Station in the Column 'Raised on the field', two items, one of Rs 60 for itinerating and the other of Rs 15 for Camps for the Mission.

Preaching-room Engola The first item of Rs 60 will be included in the total already stated for itinerating and reduce the amount asked from the Board. The other item Rs 15 will increase the total for preaching-rooms, but not increase the amt asked from the Board since it will be received on the field.

The total Rs 75. is the estimated donation of the Ratnagiri Church toward Mission work under the Board for the year May 1st/99-Apr 30/1900.

This was overlooked and undetermined till after Mission Meeting

and hence was not included in our Mission Estimates for Ratnagiri Station when sent in last month.

The Church is not as able financially as last year because there are not so many Sakers.

3 I expect the baptism of a young Brahman here soon who is now enduring persecution bravely.

Pray for him and a companion who is also developing fast.

Yours sincerely J. M. Brown

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My dear Dr. Gillespie--

Yours of Dec. 21st
has reached me only this
morning. I returned home
the day I saw you and
have had a touch of Influen-
za. I am much better
now and could go in to see
you if I had any light
on the question you raise.
This is the first suggestion
of the question to my mind.

Miss Thompson's letter to me.
do not forget it.

I will in fact, that this
will reach you as soon as
possible - Sincerely hoping
that there is no inconvenience
in my & Thompson's both -
Very cordially -

Grace C. Hilder.

Dec. 23rd 1891.

P.S. The delay in my receiving
your letter has caused I gather
much concern but you were
ill. Sr. has not been well
but is better - J. E. W.

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Rev. Robert E. Speer,
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My dear Speer,-

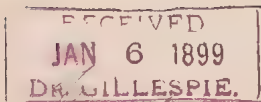
Some months ago you very kindly obtained for me a Clerical Order for half fare rate on the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburg. Would it be possible to have this order renewed for 1899? Pardon me ^{for} troubling you about this matter, but since the order was secured through you, it seems best to obtain a renewal also through you. It would be a very great accomodation if you could let me have the order for 1899 on or before January 6th, when I expect to start for Virginia.

I know that you are very busy, but I do crave an interest in your prayers. Will you not ask that I may receive a special anointing from on high for my work in theological seminaries.

Your old friend,

Robert P. Wilder

Mr. Hand has written Mr. Boyel, asking for an Order, and if he will grant it, it will be mailed to Mr. Wilder. I have written him to this effect. etc.



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My dear Dr. Gillespie-

May I come in
to see you Tuesday morning?
This will be very much
more convenient for me
if it will do to defer the
question until then.

What reply should I
make to Mrs Turner.
Shall we not all be
under the New York Board?

We are glad that you
are able to be at the office
again. Very sincerely,
G. E. Wilder.

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My dear Speer,-

Many thanks for your favour of the 3rd inclosing the Clergy Order on the Pennsylvania R.R. which you have been kind enough to secure for me.

Will you please send me my letter of April 18, 1892, written to the Presbyterian Board. I shall return it to you as soon as possible after its receipt.

To-morrow I expect to start South. Please remember me especially on Sunday when I expect to speak in the Protestant Episcopal Seminary of Virginia; and on Monday and Tuesday, when I am due at the Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va.

Affectionately, your friend

Robert P. Wilder

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Rahmagiri, India
5 January, 1899.

Dear Dr. Gillespie,

I must begin my letter with an apology for not writing on the Board's paper. There is none in our station and I asked Mr. Swin for some the last time he was up, but he had none to spare. Will you kindly send me a package.

Your letter of Nov. 14th is before me. I am glad to know that you are able to again take up your office duties. I am sorry to add to your burdens, but so long as there are statements filed away in the Board rooms and in our Mission which are not true and for which I am responsible I cannot be at rest. I shall be very glad if you will take any steps you consider necessary in order to rectify them. I want every hindrance removed that God's blessing of salvation may come to Rahmagiri. There have been long years of seed sowing here and surely there ought to be an ingathering. I know that God has forgiven my folly, but sorrow and unguiltfulness must always be the result of sin.

Miss Minor and I are looking forward

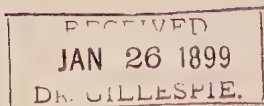
With great pleasure & welcoming Misses
Brown and Sherman today. They are coming
by boat from Kengulor and hope to join
us on our tour to Chiplun 60 miles north where
we hope not many years hence a station
may be opened. First Kengulor. It seems
to me we have an excellent opportunity of
pushing our work in the Konkani. If a man
and his wife supplemented by a group of the
J. B. & M. M. workers could be stationed at
different points in our field the question of

evangelizing this part would be in some
measure solved. The Home Committee of the
J. B. & M. M. have always shown a readiness to
grant our request for more workers. Miss Blower
has recently arrived. We like her very much.

Miss Minor & I have moved into the Mission
Bungalow. Many things remind us of Mrs. & Mrs. Hannum
and we hope to welcome them in less than a year.

Praying that God's wisdom may be granted
you & the members of the Board in all their decisions.

I am yours in His service
Amanda M. Jefferson.



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24th January 1899

My Dear Miss McMillan:

Your letter of the 17th reached me several days ago. I thank you and the Council for having asked me to draft the narrative for the Western India portion of the Board's Report. I have looked over the last two Annual Reports to get an idea of what is required, and I would express my willingness to undertake the task, depending of course on the material that you will furnish.

I am very sorry that Dr. Gillespie is obliged again for the sake of health to give up

his work in the office. Allow me to acknowledge through you his kind letter of 6th inst.

I understand that three new lady workers were to sail this month with Mrs. Wilder, for Western ^{India}, and that another is now about to go. Will you be kind enough to tell me on what plan they are sent?

Yours Sincerely,
William H. Hannum.

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My dear Speer -

Your good letter informing the
sems that Mr. de Camp promises
to pay \$300. a year for seven years
is most welcome. God's hand is
in this matter.

Miss Giles has taken luncheon
with me today and we like her
she expects to sail on Thursday & believe.
I suppose that you are arranging
for her in your way. We are writing
Mrs. Edward Thorne to the U. S. B. C. & C.
By way, I mean to let her live
in such a way etc.

That you write about "General"
makes me put my hand on my
mouth and my mouth in the dust
Forgive me. I shall try to avoid it in
the future. Yours faithfully
Robert P. Turner

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P. S. in Toronto. I met a Mr. Albert
H. Abbott B.A., Instructor in Philoso-
phy in the University of Toronto.
He desires to go to India and the
thought comes that possibly you
would like some one to teach philoso-
phy in the Dorman Christian College
at Lahore. When I was in Lahore
Griswold was taken out of evangelistic
work to teach philosophy and I think
that he prefers evangelistic work.

When you visit Toronto I trust
that you can see Abbott.

W.

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Refer to Mrs. Fry.

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My dear Speer -

Please find enclosed a cheque
for three hundred dollars to cover Miss
Lehmann's salary for one year.

Has Miss Giles sailed?

To-day we have received a letter
from my sister posted at the Azores.
I suppose that the party is nearing
Bombay now. My mother and sister
will rejoice & learn of Miss Giles's appoint-
ment.

Do you think that any man will
be sent to the Western India Mission this
year? Mr. Hamman writes: "There is a
population of about a million and a
half dependent on our Ratuagiri Station
for the Gospel (except for the corrupt teach-
ings of Romanists), with only one foreign
and two native preachers."

Pomarrone & Start, D.V., for Minnesota

to visit Lutheran institutions that have
never been touched by our Movement.
I need your intercessions.

Your affectionate friend
Robert C. Wilder.

to Supplement the efforts of Government ~~to~~ ^{with all the} ~~with all the~~
the means of their power. India needs Christy
America's help as never before. May the hand
put it into the hands of every true

Miraj July 16/1900.

W. J. M. M. M.

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Condition of the work.

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Kolhapur, India, Feb. 17, 1899.

Rev. Jno. Gillespie, D.D.

Secretary N.Y.

My Dear Dr. Gillespie:

Galen W. Seiler

I was sorry to hear that you had been ill, but solicitude was relieved by favourable news of yourself in your last letter. I hope your duties as Secretary are not sitting too hard upon you. I know you have wearisome work, and it must seem as if money matters constitute a very large part of our policy in the foreign field. We must make up our minds to it that we shall always be having difficult and vexatious problems to face or solve, and the only comfort is that although we blunder constantly and are disappointed in our expectations, the Lord will accomplish His purpose. The population of India is increasing at the rate of 2,000,000 a year; millions are on the verge of starvation; meanwhile schools and colleges are turning out thousands of matriculated and graduated who are clamoring for situations, and many of them are growing disloyal. What wonder then if the problem of the support of pastors and poor self-saddled Christian communities looms up with a formidable aspect! In this connection I would say that it behoves us as individual Christians and a Nation to be as economical as we can, clipping off superfluities

and bringing self-denying Christianity to the front, so that the natives can plainly see it. As the yearly receipts at home do not increase tho the work is supposed to spread, abroad; I hardly see how we can escape continued retrenchment, and it twinges my conscience to ask for raw foreign workers while contracting reestimated work or cutting off native workers. I do not see how our salaries can remain untouched.

To the good people at home the immediate results of our varied evangelistic efforts do not seem to materialize, as fast as desirable. In this Station there have been few Baptisms of late, because experience has taught us to put inquirers to a longer test. I presume most of the children in our boarding schools are sent there that they may be fed and clothed than for any other purpose, and it is almost impossible to even infuse the spirit of independence in the village converts. We must, while laboring, patiently await the disintegration of the great forces of Hinduism - not to be effected by some brilliant oratorical efforts however logical, but by the combined methods & agencies directed year in and year out against the massive wall of conviction. I see progress towards final disintegration too.

As Mrs Cohen wrote the Station bi-monthly letter only last week. I will close with this page, with our best regards to yourself & Mrs G. Yours sincerely, Salem H. Peiler.

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PELHAM MANOR,
NEW YORK.

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Feb. 19th / 1900

My dear Mr. Speer:

I fear I have
done something which
is not quite right.
I assure you that I
had no idea nor in-
tention of doing any
thing not approved of
by the Board, but a

letter from Mrs Thorpe your office, she asked
and a card from Mrs if she might have an-
ticipate her when that they thought to raise she
do not approve of my \$700.⁰⁰ which the business
action. had asked for ^{at Am. Bk. Nov. 1898.} to enlarge

Let me tell you of it. the School-house of the
If you remember, you Christian Miss Boarding
will recall the 'foot' School in Holbrook.
that as Miss Patton's time passed and no
arrival home last June, permission came.
when she and I were in late in the fall Miss

Patterson wrote me that Mrs
Drap had written to her to
the effect that they
were looking to her to
raise money for the Boys
School at Samsi, and
she Mrs. Patterson asked
me why she, when we
were interested in the
Girls' School should seek
money for another school.
I then being in the City

called in on Mrs Fry &
 asked her about it. She
 had thought Miss Patten
 connected with the Saugli
 School, but - thus as she
 was not - she hoped we
 would both keep to raise
 this other money. She
 her as - as Miss Patten
 had asked, permission
 but - up to date had not

received it. She assumed delay for we had been of
one that we both should spend money & we would
do all we could to secure not to be it, except as we
it. I acknowledge I asked to have it go direct
did wrong not to wait to the Board. At thus hearing
for formal action by us speak offered to help
you or the Board, but I if we could show our
never doubted her authority. authority from the Board.
I wrote to Miss Patton & when Mrs. Bay spoke as
told her this. We both she did I wrote to Miss
felt as if we had lost Patton & told her I thought
many opportunities by this we were free to retire

Almost simultaneously Mrs.
Thorpe wrote me & asked
how much Miss Patten &
I had raised of this
money. What else could
I say than that we
were authorized to go
ahead.

I thus asked guidance
in prayer and being led
as I believed in the right
I have written to certain

friends, some connected
with Missionary Societies
in New York State, in Penn-
sylvania and Illinois.

Personal friends of mine
^{Some of} whom I thought might give
something over to be
regular pledges & gifts
and some of whom I thought
might give because for
twenty years we have cor-
responded about Mission

Work. To all I asked not do a little to keep on.
to let my expense of that one gift of \$100.⁰⁰ I want to
regular work - I may miss Dickson - a gift from
have omitted this clause including & from one who
in some letters because is so slightly interested in
I never heard of a gift from Missins she & some friends
them for the Cause. I gave it to furnish work
did ask to let me letter to the printer & to the
medium through which might get work on the
the gift should go to Miss. building. I have sent &
as I wished - & there my store hold a few smaller
human motive & have to gifts until I am able
when that I was trying to to add more to it.

Why do I write this? I
wish to beg pardon if I
have done wrong & ask
for formal permission
to secure the needed
^{as much as I can}
money for the L. B. School
of Kolhapur.

Mr. Trege writes in a
way that has cruelly hurt
me, about my soliciting
from their 'constitution'; his
language is humiliating to
as humbles the S/W. ^{all} but

the Board of the North-west
be hurt. Miss Patton
wrote in a letter rec'd
this morning saying for
larger opportunities.

I am very unhappy. Shall
I withdraw my appeals?
Two dear ladies have just
come in this moment in-
terrupting me to offer to
give their votes. I told
them I was afraid to receive

it & conferred what seems to me disloyal to the Board
to be my fault. They in- It was far from my inten-
tion upon my taking it then, I assure you. I have
as it was I who spoke of him ^{in the part where this in India} of General, repeatedly
the need of the famine, & I turned over them
not that any Board here in my work but I have
done so. They want me to always referred them to the
send it direct to India Boards & I have seen there
if the Boards are not some some acknowledged
willing to receive it through the Boards.

me. I do not wish to. I have
to tell me and if possible I will only to
tell me I have not say if I have done wrong

it - was unintentional.

We grant Mrs. Patten and
myself permission to keep
on in this work.

Mrs. Thorpe refers to lack
of endorsement save my
own assertion. I would
like formal endorsement
if you will give it. I ask
the same for Mrs. Patten if
she has not already had it.

Very sincerely
Lucy W. Ferris.

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MR. TAYLOR

Minneapolis, Minn.,

Feb., 24, 1899.

Mr. Robert P. Speer,
N. Y. City.

My Dear Mr. Speer:

Paul, in writing to the Colossians says of Epaphras: He was "always striving for you in his prayers, that ye may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God."

Will you please do for us what Epaphras did for the Colossians? We are asking a few friends to remember us daily in their intercessions during the few months that remain before our contemplated return to India. "Pray for us that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also it is with you."

1. That I may be constantly led and filled by the Holy Spirit in my work for the Theological Students of this country and Canada.
2. That the theological institutions which are considering whether they should enter into affiliation with our North American Student Association Movement and the World's Student Christian Federation may find and follow God's will in the matter.
3. That in each Divinity School visited up to April 15th, I may speak God's message in His power and that men of His choice may volunteer for service in the Mission fields.
4. That in the difficult literary work which I am expected to do April 15th to May 15th, God may guide my pen.
5. That in the conferences and conventions I am invited to attend May 15th to August 7th, God may "lead me in triumph in Christ, and make manifest through me the savour of His knowledge in every place."
6. That the Board of Foreign Missions and we may be led to the right decision as to the kind of work we should undertake on our return, God willing, next fall *India*.

We praise God that He has enabled me thus far to visit fifty-seven theological institutions of twenty-seven denominations, and that thirty-five have entered into affiliation with our movement. We thank Him that the Spiritual life of many students has been deepened and their interest in Missions has been increased by this movement. Please join us in thanking Him for these and other answers to prayer.

"Ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplications; that for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf."

Yours faithfully,

Robert P. Wilder

1 - Recovered from illness

2 - Influenza epidemic

3 - Grace Wilder & party arrived

4 - Where he will Kolnapur, India
spend the hot season Feb. 24. 1899

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Rev. Jno. Gillespie D.D. 5 - Itinerating
6 - English work
7 - Sorry to hear of receipts See p. 156, 5th Ave. N.Y.
falling off
My Dear Dr. Gillespie,

G. W. Decker

1 - I hope you have recovered that terrible blizzard which according to the telegrams made "half the United States helpless" and stopped travel and traffic. I have recovered sufficiently from a severe attack of Influenza to be able to walk five or six miles without feeling much fatigued. 2 Influenza has been epidemic here a month and the mortality has been high. This latter circumstance has given rise to suspicion that Plague has broken out in the city, and people are trying to conceal it, chiefly because an order has been issued requiring the inhabitants to move out into the fields within 24 hours, if Plague breaks out. Dr. Wanklyn says he heard on good authority that six persons died in one house here.

3 Grace Wilder and party arrived at Bombay on the 20th inst. and are now at Mahableswar. We shall praise God if the Village Settlement Scheme succeeds, and as Mrs. Goheen wrote will try to help it on. Information about the scheme was so meagre and indefinite that the Mission thought work of the kind had better first be

carried on tentatively in connection with a station. I wish we could get some men on \$300 salary. Enthusiastic unmarried lady missionaries are liable to be outrageously insulted in covert language, in this country, by men and women.

4 I think we will stay here part of the hot season, not going to Panhala till April 8. When I speak of staying in Kolhapur all through the hot season, Mrs. S. declares she will stay too, fearing I may not take care of my health.

5 I do not remember whether I told you or not that in my two tours with Mr. Bedford we visited and preached in 80 villages. After I joined Dr. Wilson and Mr. Limousin for a third tour I fell sick and had to return home within a fortnight. In some villages the people were suspicious of us and even assumed a threatening attitude, as they suspected we had come to forcibly inoculate them or throw drugs into their wells and pollute them.

6 I am resuming work in English in the Y. M. C. A. and expect to soon print No. 7 of "Kolhapur Tracts": a copy of which I will send to you.

7 I am very, very sorry to hear of the falling off of contributions to the L. A. Board. Kindly tell Mr. Hays that I hope to be able to send \$3 next week by M. O.

Yours very sincerely
Galen W. Leiber.

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MR. SPEER

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~~Amherst~~
Amherst, India.
March 1st. 1899.

Robert E. Speer,

Secy Board Foreign Missions.

My Dear Mr. Speer:

I hear that you are at present acting for Dr. Gillespie as Secy for this mission so I write to inform you that I have sent my papers in to the China Inland Mission Council in London & as soon as I have word that I may go to China I will resign from this mission & the Board. I wrote to Dr. Gillespie in December telling him of my engagement to Mr. Robt Grierson of the C. I. M. & of my intention to resign within a few months. The

Board, I suppose, was informed
of the fact. I hope to hear soon
that the information was
received. As soon as I am
able to set a date for my
resignation I will let you know.

Very Sincerely,
Jennie B. Sherman

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My dear Mr. Speer -

It seems possible
that we may spend the
coming years in Kolhatum.

We are looking to God to
guide us and shall be
glad to go to a new place
if the way is opened for us.

May I have a line from
you to show that we may
go to a new place with
the approval of the Mission.

I of course understand
that we are to incur no
expense above the \$240
allowed for house-ent. &c.

Our going to a new place
is virtually opening a
new station. This I believe
cannot be done without
the sanction of the Board.

We have in view the town
of Inchaikarangi. It is
governed by a Native Chief
tributary to the King of

Kolhapur. Mrs. Green has
encouraged my visiting to
this Chief and I have already
done so.

There seems to be
special opposition to us as
a mission on the part of
some officials. We do need
your prayers that this
may be over-ruled by God.

I am, dear Mother,

Cordially,

Grace E. Hilder

P.S. Dear Mother has had
some very restless nights. But
slept well last night. G. E. H.

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March 30th 99.

My dear Mr. Speer -

Mr. Gohsen brought over to us your letter telling of the death of dear Dr. Gillespie.

We feel deeply this news since so recently we were in his room receiving from him words of counsel for India.

I hope to write to dear Mrs Gillespie soon. My minutes for writing have been few since Mother's fall. Robert has I hope sent you some message regarding her. It will be three weeks Saturday since her arm was fractured. She is now

able to walk about and sit up
for a ~~while~~ daily. At times the
arm is painful and ecsthesiness
at night has been hard for us
both. We have had great reason
for thankfulness that dear Mother
is up here in this good air
with so many comforts about
her. I have taken up my pen
this evening to write to you
regarding Miss Anna Scott.
I understand that since our
sailing - she has very definitely
yielded herself to For. Mission
work - wishing only to see God's
will very clearly in this matter.
During my last days at home
I was led to Miss Scott. I

Spent a Sabbath with her at
Passaic. I was very much im-
pressed by the loveliness of Miss
Scott's Christian character. She
has passed through experiences
which have taught her to walk
alone with Jesus. We talked
and prayed together with ex-
perience to India. I do rejoice
to hear that Miss Scott has
written to you.

Would it be possible for her to
be sent out with Mr. & Mrs
Hannum on the regular allowance?
If not, would you permit her
to come on the settlement basis
to be associated with us for

Consider Miss Scott letting her come in to see you. Miss Giles has arrived and seems very well at the end of her long journey. She has to day had her first Marathi lesson with a Pandit. The other young ladies are working hard with Marathi sentences. They are very eager to put into practice what they learn.

I have wondered if you will now be our Secretary. This arrangement will especially rejoice my heart since you have already been used of God in the beginning of our Settlement.

May you be guided in reference to Miss Scott.
Hoping she may be given to us if this is God's will -
Very cordially -
Aunt Sarah

Very Cordially - &

With kindest
regards to Ben

Spec. - Grace E. Wilder

settle & remain?
I expect to go to
the settlement.
I know she will be
greatly desired for a post outside
our Settlement. A young lady
wanted for Miraj - another for
Sangli and one for our girls
Boarding school in Kolhapur.
Might Miss Scott come out to join
our Settlement and later if
she is taken from us some
addition be made to her al-
lowance? She is a dear friend
of one of our Settlement group.
I do expect that more offers of
support will come in for
the Settlement work. It may
be that ere this reaches you,
means will be provided for
another worker. Will you

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Colombo, Ceylon

12 March 1899

Rev. J. Gillespie D.D.

156 Fifth Ave.

New York

My dear Dr. Gillespie,

Perhaps you
have heard before now that I
have been poorly for some months.
Since I was inoculated against
plague in Sept. last, I have
been suffering with my heart.
I have not improved as I hoped
during the past months and the ~~coming~~
heat already severe was beginning
to tell against me. The question then
arose what I was to do. During the
hot season, the heat was bad
& to go to the hills would
likely make me worse, so the
Doctor advised me to go

India now seems to agree with
her perfectly. Week by week she
seems to get stronger & I have been
surprised to see her do so
much work and apparently
not get tired out. Surely this
is the Lord's doings & is marvellous
in our eyes.

I trust Mr Gillespie & your
self are in good health.

With kindest regards

I remain Yours very sincerely

John Jolly

a sea voyage. The Mission was unanimously of the same opinion & have given me permission to leave the field. There was not time to write you before starting time & get an answer and as the heat was upon us I had to get off before it got worse. I hope the Board will agree to what has been done. I am now on the way to Australia where I will remain by the sea for 2 months or so, in the hope that the sea air & cold winter weather over there, will with God's blessing restore me to health again. I reached here this morning & will sail by an outgoing steamer expected to call here tomorrow.

M^{rs} Jolly & children remain in India. I am very thankful to say that

204 Rahnagiri, India
16 March 1899

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MR. STEER.

My dear Dr. Gillespie, —

Again it is my turn to write the bi-monthly letter of our Station and I am glad I can state that all the members of our Christian community are fairly well. Plague which has been kept from us so long has at last entered Rahnagiri. Within the last two weeks the people have fled in terror from the town to the surrounding villages and the British official has given an order that the shops and houses in the bazaar are to be closed for three months. Our Christians who were living in the town came up to live on the J. B. & M. Mission and our compounds. The two families which came from plague infected parts of the town were segregated on the upper part of our compound. Soon a little girl the daughter of Ramji the carpenter was taken sick. The civil surgeon was called and at first he was suspicious of plague, but as the day went on he saw no symptoms of the dread disease and pronounced her case intermittent fever. We thought the child was recovering when suddenly after five days of illness she breathed her last. The father was in Pongul at the time, but our Christians did all they could to help. The little body was laid away in the English cemetery to await the glad resurrection morn.

Bajadai the wife of our School Master was taken to the hospital day before yesterday for treatment for a trouble she has had for some time.

The authorities are doing all they can to keep the plague from spreading and while it is thought that during the hot season there will be little danger of a great outbreak, many fears

are entertained concerning the coming rainy season when it will be impossible for the people to move out in large numbers. However it is not by accident that this loud call has come to this people and we are praying that they may heed the warning and turn from their sins.

In January Mr and Mrs. Irwin started on a tour from Vengula. They were able to be out seven weeks making a journey of about 100 miles and meeting with much encouragement.

At the same time Miss Minor in company with Misses Brown & Sherman and Miss Ferguson of the J. B. & M. M. started on a tour among the villages in the northern part of our field. They went as far north as Chipmunk, 60 miles. I was prevented from accompanying them at that time as I was called to Vengula on business connected with the J. B. & M. M. but later Miss Sharp & I were able to join the party of tourers. Miss Brown was much impressed with the need, extent and opportunities of our district but she & Miss Sherman after a three weeks' tour had to hasten back to their field, while the rest of us remained out until the last of February.

Salome Bai the wife of Goindrar Mahap, who has recently been transferred here from Sangli accompanied us and proved to be a very faithful and willing worker. About 18 years ago Mr. Graham baptized Goindrar in Ratnagiri so that he is well known in this part and we trust that by his consistent life and words the Lord may use him in turning the people to Himself.

Two weeks ago Mr. Irwin came up from Vengula and administered the Lord's Supper and at the same time baptized Saya Hanajkar a youth who came to us in the famine. He is a simple hearted faithful boy.

We are all looking forward to the speedy return of Mr & Mrs. Hannum. They are much needed. However we can say "hitherto hath the Lord helped us". We ask for prayers at this time that we may be kept in peace and from fear of evil -

Yours in the Master's Service Amanda M. Jefferson

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Montclair, N.J., Mch. 16th, 1899.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Av., New York.

My dear Speer,

I have been intending to have an interview with you during these days, but must abandon the thought since I have been suffering with a cold in the throat and chest. I have been out of the house only once in a week and as soon as my health permits me to venture out I must start for Allegheny and the West to be gone about sixteen days.

My wife and I rejoice that you take such a deep interest concerning our future work in India and we would like very much to know your opinion on the subject. Will you not write me your thoughts about this? Our one desire is to find and follow God's will in the matter.

With kindest regards,

Your affectionate friend,

Robert P. Wilder

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For the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions

206 Kolhapur, W. India
March 31, 1899

Mr Robt. C. Speer, Secy. N. Y.

Dear Friend:

In behalf of the Kolhapur Station of the Western India Mission I desire to say that we have heard, with profound regret, of the death of our Secretary Dr. Gillespie. We knew that he had been laid aside from his usual work a while, and when he resumed correspondence with us we hoped to again enjoy his communications, marked as they were by thoughtfulness, kindness and insight into the situation here. His relations with us as individuals were always pleasant, and his letters were appreciative and helpful.

May a double portion of God's Spirit rest on his successor.

Please convey to Mrs. Gillespie our sympathy.

Yours in Him,

Galen W. Seiler
Secy.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Av., New York.

My dear Speer,

I had hoped to see you before this, but find that it is impossible for me to go into New York this week and hence write you. Mr. David Park of McCormick Theological Seminary, has written me as follows:

"I have written to Dr. Brown stating that if he does not think I can accomplish more in some field in Mexico or South America (which fields have been my choice ever since I volunteered), I should be willing to go to Western India. Mr. Hannum did not send a detailed statement, but I have been studying a great deal in books, the Cleveland Report and magazines. May God guide you in your conversation with Dr. Brown and Mr. Speer and may He lead me into the field where he would have me serve Him."

Doubtless you have learned through Mr. Hannum and other sources of the crying need for men in Western India. We are praying God to guide the Board in this matter and hope that at least two men may be sent out this fall to that field. Mr. Charles E. Patton of Princeton Theological Seminary and Mr. David Park have come to my mind repeatedly as I have made this matter a subject of prayer.

With kindest regards, I am

Your affectionate friend,

Robert E. Speer

See in the enclosure
the report which I send. The
the report which I send. I am
please it. Kindly see my Report.
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for months, by the outbreak of plague and the exit of the people. September, October and November were awful months with us. The two doctors were too busy to think much of the scenes before them constantly the heart-sickening things. Miss Foster went heroically to the plague hospital and dressed the burials, praying for grace to perform her duty.

Plague again interrupted the plans for touring greatly. Dr. Francis and Dr. Limonson started out early in December and were gone about two weeks. In that time over 600 patients were treated and the word was preached to good and attentive audiences. Plague in surrounding villages brought them in early, and prevented them visiting many places that they had planned to visit. About the middle of January, Dr. Siler, Dr. Limonson, and Dr. Wilson started again. They were gone about three weeks in all, and were obliged to come in two or three times because of change of place. Plague and the opposition of the people

were great obstacles. This time just 1200 patients were treated. Again good audiences were reported, but the plague surrounded them on all sides, and for the sake of future touring it was thought best to come in. In the station the medical class has been carried on, and the regular hospital and dispensary work done. The work among the women has been the conducting of the weekly prayer meeting in the female ward, and ~~inside~~ visiting. The women are always attentive listeners.

Mrs. Baulek has had poor health for some months. Dr. Baulek has brought her with ~~their~~ two children Ethel, and Baby Esther, to Mahabliwara at the beginning of this month.

We have all met, since we came here, our new missionaries, the members of the settlement group. We had a meeting of all our missionaries at Mahabliwara, yesterday, to decide where accommodations could be found for them, until Mission Meeting, as there are no available bungalows so far as we know, outside

our stations. Kolhapur and Miraj are the only places in view thus far. In each place is one bungalow which may be available. But each station wants these workers and we so wish we might divide.

We are all glad to see Mr. Goheen improving in health, and enjoying the delights of Mahabaleshwar. Little Francis Goheen, then Jean Jolly, and now Clara Jolly have had measles since coming here. Otherwise all the Mahabaleshwar party are in good health. We are praying that Mr. Jolly may soon be restored to health. He started early in March to Australia hoping thus to regain strength. A letter written a week after reaching Melbourne reports no improvement thus far.

Our homeward-bound party will soon reach New York, we hope. Nothing has been heard from them thus far.

Sincerely yours
Eugenie Mack Wilson
(Mrs. A.S.M.)

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CHICAGO, April 29th 1899

Dear Mr. Wilder

My friend Miss Strong of the Moody Bible Institute has given me a letter from Miss M. T. Thomson of India, written I suppose for your sister Miss Wilder, asking if she know of a "lady Medical Missionary" who is ready to go out in perhaps September.

The Medical Committee of the Board of the Northwest has educated three young women who graduated at the Woman's Medical College here and have since had experience in hospitals for more than a year, but at a Board we have no funds to send them out; we can only do so by gifts which must be over and above any money now pledged. I think we shall have extra gifts sufficient to send one. I write to ask if that gentleman from New Jersey, you speak of, would accept one of these young women but let her belong to our -

CHICAGO,

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Board? Did not the Missionaries for the "Settlement" go out under the Presbyterian Board? The Board of the Northwest feels a claim upon candidates it has educated, yet there are thoroughly prepared and anxious to go and this call seems an open door.

You are at liberty to talk this over with Mr. Speer - or Dr. Brown of the New York Board 136 - Fifth Avenue - if you wish; they have written us within a few days about not being able to send these young doctors and so understand the situation.

An early answer will oblige

Yours sincerely

Mrs. J. G. Jennette - C. Harcourt -

Chairman Medical Committee.

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
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My dear Speer,

You will be glad to know that yesterday God sent us a beautiful daughter. The mother is doing well and we are full of praise to the Giver who loadeth us with bounties. Please pray that our children may be children of light; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; that the love wherewith the Father loved Jesus may be in them and He in them.

Please let me know what day and hour of this week will be most convenient for you to give me for an interview, in your office. My wife's condition is such that I can leave her with safety to go into the City.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert P. Wilder

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MR. SPEER.

My dear Speer:-

Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd of April. I have received a telegram from Mr. F. W. Lewis of McCormick Theological Seminary that his fiancée's father wires "Daughter cannot go account recent advice plague". I have written to Mr. Bailey asking him to continue the student work in Poona until the Fall of 1899. Will you not join us in prayer that if it be God's will Mr. Bailey may be willing to carry on the work for another year?

It is difficult to find a good man for work among the Mountain ~~Historians~~ since you state that a good digestion is a necessity. In our work we run in intellectual and spiritual probes, but very few physical probes. I should suggest Mr. Irvine L. Dungan and Mr. R. F. Edwards of Lane Theological Seminary. Mr. Dungan seems to have a strong constitution and I think was brought up on a farm. He is a man of rare intellectual and spiritual gifts.

What would you think of W. M. Campbell of the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, or of E. F. Hall of Princeton Theological Seminary? Norman B. Harrison of Princeton Theological Seminary is eager to reach the foreign field, and he is a man that I could heartily recommend so far as I know him.

Professor W. P. Johnson, of Danville, Ky. would go to the foreign field this Fall, I think, if there is any good opening. He is a rare fellow, intellectually and spiritually. God has been using him greatly at Danville during the past year. Now is the time to secure him before he makes plans for the ensuing year. I think that his Church would support him. He does not know that I am writing you concerning him. If you have an opening for a man of his gifts, please let me know and I will gladly approach him on the matter. Last Monday he told me that he is being drawn strongly to the foreign field, and that he has hopes that his Church would support him. You doubtless knew him in Princeton.

Your affectionate friend,

Robert P. Wilder

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~~W. G. M. P.~~

4th May 1899

Dear Dr. Brown:

Your recent letter concerning Conference with newly appointed missionaries is received.

Thank you very much. As I want to do some visiting in Nebraska, Kansas &c. after the Assembly, I shall not be able to attend.

However I do hope to be at Clifton Springs ^{with my wife} during the meeting June 14th to 20th, and to stay a week beyond that time.

Mrs Thayer writes me to secure room by correspondence

Secretary of the Board and not by the missionary.
This seems to me an important point. Of course
later correspondence may be done by the missionary.

Yours Sincerely,
William H. Hannum.

P.S. - I am sorry to read of the death
of Dr. Kellogg at Landour.

with you. Will you kindly favor us in this way if practicable?

I am informed also that there is an arrangement by which missionaries can visit Chautauqua for a part of the summer at slight expense. Will you please advise me on this point?

Can you tell me what the programme is to be at Northfield, and the dates of the meetings there?

I thank you for the circular to missionaries ~~to~~ ^{on} furloughs. I venture to take exception to the very first suggestion. The writing to the Chairman of the Committee of Synod should be done by the

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23 Torrington Square
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May 11th / 1899

Dear Mr. Speer;

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I write to inform
you of the pleasant fact,
to me at least, that we
are thus far on our home-
ward journey, safe and
well.

Rev. J. P. Graham with my-
self & daughter Phoebe left
the Anchor line S. S. "Armenia"
at Marseilles
to make our own way to
Glasgow.

Miss Patten & Master Charlie
Tedford remained on the
steamer, as Miss Patten met
with a disagreeable accident,
that of scalding both feet;
one very severely.

The "Armenia" expects to
reach Liverpool on May 18th
or 19th. If so Miss Patten
& Master Tedford, as well
as my trunk will go to
Glasgow by rail, & we all
will sail thence by the

"City of Rome" on May 20th.

If the "Armenia" fails to
connect I shall remain
another week for the next
Aberdeen line steamer

Now if I do ~~not~~ sail on
the "City of Rome", I will
cable to you ^{"sailing"} ~~"detained"~~

and will you then inform
Mr. James P. Hall, 6 Poplar
St. Brooklyn, of the fact,
that I have sailed; if I do
not sail I will cable "detained".

Also have one of your
men meet us on the
arrival of the "City of
Rome" or the following
week ^{- of the} steamer Ancherline.

I shall doubtless go to my
friends but I would like
one of your men to be at
the Pier to meet me.

Believe me

Very sincerely
(Mrs J. W.) Lucy W. Lewis

1 - About home allowance & return
home -

FEB 14 1899
DR. GILLESPIE.

2- Health of ...
Jan. 12, 1899

Rev. J. Gillespie, D.D.

My dear Dr. Gillupie;
Your kind letters of
Nov. 16th & Dec. 10th have
both been received & I
thank you for your answer
to my questions in regard
to English alluvium &c.

It is a satisfaction to know
what I can look forward to
as an income in the home
land.

I confess I did hope that
my own allowance would
be a trifle more, for the
unmarried ladies usually
have homes to go to, while
I as a mother & a widow

have no home. As a married couple
we never had a home elsewhere than in
India & while naturally I might call my
husband's old home, my home, still as
one of his father-in-law, a widower
with children lives with my dear &
much beloved mother-in-law, I do not see
that I can make that my home & if I
settle any where for any length it will
have to be in a rented house or rooms;
thus if I keep my sons at quarters, I
will have to make up the extra charge
for their board as well as have to pro-
vide all of Ralph's support while there
to say nothing of their wardrobe..

I shall arrange about Ralph's board up
to April 30th through Mr. Simmons our dis-
cuss Treasurer.

Perhaps you know that our passage has been
secured on the S. S. "Armenia" of the Anchor
Line, sailing from Bombay April 11th.

As I suffer so severely from rheumatism, I
decided because I am not well, to save
myself & accept the rebate from the Company
& go overland to Glasgow & meet my luggage
there. I suppose we will be home by
June 1st. I had wished to be home

As come at the April Missionary Meeting,
that I have tried in every way to be careful for
the work here and not do anything but
what the Board will approve of in regard
to time, manner &c of my going home.

My son Chaucey writes that his efforts
to meet you have not resulted in his
yet meeting you, though he had left his
card in the Room for you.

Mr Echem does not seem at all well
& Mrs Echem has been overdoing & her liver
is making itself manifest. Miss Patten
today is out for the first time in a week

I have been taken ill
with a sharp attack of
dysentery just a week ago.

Mr Seiler is never real
strong while Mr. Seiler seems
not to know what ill-
health or weakness means.

He has been out in the
districts for some weeks.

My health fluctuates &
one day I feel equal to
anything, & the next day
equal to doing nothing,
but I am not absent from
my work. I hope he is
very well.

Believe me
With cordial regards
Very sincerely
Wm. H. Harris

Panhala, India.

May 17th, 1899.

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Robert E. Speer,

New York.

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My dear Mr. Speer:

I write to offer my resignation to the Board to take effect on June 1st, 1899. I have engaged passage on the S. S. "Ballarat" sailing from Bombay on June 8th, & hope to arrive at Shanghai about June 28th.

Very Sincerely,

Jennie H. Sherman.

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MR. SPEER.

Panhala, India, May 25, 1899

Mr R. E. Speer, Secy. 156. 5th Ave. N.Y.

Dear Mr Speer:

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I should have written the bi-monthly Station letter last month, but I confess I did not notice that it was my turn to write. I will "try not to do so again". Mr & Mrs Seiler and I, with the children, came here about six weeks ago to get toned up a little, and we expect to return home on the 30. Mr. Goheen and family were to arrive at Kolhapur from Mahabaleshwar today. I am glad to say that Mr Goheen's health improved much at Kolhar.

Miss Wilder & her mother will come to Kolhapur for the rains and until plans can be completed for starting the "Village Settlement" Scheme. They will live in the house formerly occupied by Mrs Ferris. The four new ladies will spend the rains at Miraj.

Your letter enclosing the Appropriations for 1899-1900 was received last Saturday. It will be appropriate to consider its contents in the June bi-monthly letter. We are glad the cut was not so deep as last year, tho it will be difficult to apply the cut, as our estimates were made more close than ever before.

I have no special evangelistic success to record - tho it is rather encouraging to write that a friendly Brahmin in Kolhapur told me that the reading of a tract ("Idolatry Denounced") had induced him to renounce idol-worship, and he bought some copies to distribute among Brahmin friends, twenty of whom have given up idolatry. Pray that these may advance farther into the light.

We have heard of the safe arrival of Mrs Ferris & party at Marseilles.

Yours very sincerely, E. W. Seiler.

Kolhapur Tracts, No. 7.

TO THOSE WHO "LABOUR FOR THAT WHICH
SATISFIETH NOT."



SANSKRIT scholar has said that Hinduism is like a polygon—many sided. Accordingly Swami Vivekananda claims that Hinduism embraces Theism and Atheism in all their various modifications. But do you not plainly see that the more such modifications are multiplied as is the tendency now, the more difficult it will be for you to fix your judgment, and the more you will be at sea when trying to form a conviction? The larger the wilderness in which a stranger is lost the greater his dismay and perplexity; and, when a combatant, becomes conscious that he is weakening, he strikes awry and wildly. Such, Hindu friends, do I perceive to be your state, spiritually. Of the more ignorant classes especially, your poet wrote :

भजन चाललें उफराटें कोण जाणे खरें खोडें.

but I grieve to note that you who are educated have made "confusion worse confounded," because by increased knowledge and imaginative power you have given yourselves much wider scope for useless speculation.

Sometimes I see a a rehash of effete Vedantism. (I would point you to Justice Ranade's lecture in which he showed what you would have to do if you went back to Vedic Hinduism). Sometimes it is a mere human effusion about God and human destiny, perhaps a little different from thousands of other *guesses*. For example here is one from the Swami about God: "Starting from some fungus, some very minute microscopic bubble, and all the time drawing from that infinite store-house of energy, the form is changed slowly

and slowly, until in course of time it becomes a plant, then an animal, then ultimately God!!" Sometimes it is a desperate effort to pour a smattering of modern Science into the old bottles of Hinduism; and a long and growing acquaintance with English literature has led many Hindus to unconsciously adopt Christian ideals which I notice they are very fond of reading into effete doctrines that have no affinity for them whatever, and which the old Hindu Pandits were strangers to.

The great underlying animus of this willingness to flounder in the mud of speculation is the determination not to believe in a personal God who would hold us responsible.

A parallel case to yours is that of unbelieving scientists in the West. See how they handicap themselves and are at their wits' end in trying to define *law* (of nature) One defines it as "a generalized fact." Another expression is "a general fact." An ordinary description of a physical law is, "an observed order of facts" Mill says, "The expression, 'the laws of nature,' means nothing but the uniformities that exist among natural phenomena." "Invariable relations of succession and resemblance," is another definition. I have not space to show how incomplete and vain these definitions are. The difficulty of framing a satisfactory definition is the same as that which you labor under, *i. e.*, unwillingness to acknowledge an all-wise Lawgiver. Why do jurists find it so easy to define *law*? Because they recognize sovereign authority.

A Brahman correspondent wrote in the *Madras Mail*, "The future of the community, both religious and social, depends on a full recognition of the new forces at work among us * * * * The more important thing is to recognize clearly that there can be no going back to the Vedic times, and that the present state of things cannot long continue unchanged. It is a sheer waste of time and energy to infuse life into the dry bones of an ancient system."

The principles regulating our duty to God, to one another and those in authority, as laid down by Jesus will always be up-to-date in the most enlightened age and country to the end of time. Being

in their very nature of permanent applicability it is impossible for them to become obsolete by reason of changed conditions in human affairs as countless human theories, beliefs, and institutions have become. So Christ could well afford to say to the Pharisees, "Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?" And to John's disciples, "No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old (leathern) bottles etc."

Cease then from your hopeless attempts to preserve in life a system which arose out of ideas and under conditions that have passed away forever; and from laboring "for that which satisfieth not."

G. W. SEILER.



Miraj May 31/1899

Mr. Rolt & Speer

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My dear Mr. Speer

Referring to the statement of the auditing Committee made with special reference to the Miraj accounts, an additional statement from me seems necessary.

First I desire to point out that the accounts rendered this year under class VI have been sent in in exactly the same way in which they have been sent in ⁱⁿ ^{audited} year by year from the establishment of the work in Miraj. That is to say, with regards to the sums to which the Committee makes reference, all sums received what are commonly regarded as "fees" have been strictly credited to the Board while all other sums including sale of medicines gifts from various sources have been credited to & expended in the work on the field & diminishing to the same extent the charges against the Board. Were it not that this has been done a very much larger appropriation would have been necessary in order to sustain the work.

This same question to which the Committee refers came up in the mission some years

ago (the present Auditing Committee were not on the field at the time I believe) & it was not then thought that any rule of "the manual" required the turning over to the Board of any of these sums to which the Committee direct the Board's attention. Hence it is that our estimates have yearly been made out in anticipation of such receipts & have therefore been ^{much} less than they would have been had we not been privileged to use these gifts.

But to come to the items themselves. First that which the Committee refer to as "rent from private wards" This is not strictly for rent but is the result of a charge for private treatment in separate wards. Fees for medical examination are frequently charged ~~the~~ occupants of the private wards & these ^{fees} have in every case been credited to the Board. When the hospital was built these ^{private} wards were purposely ~~planned~~ in the expectation of furnishing a means of self support. Two years ago I partitioned off an unused part of one of the general wards making two small private wards at my own expense in order that the income therefrom might reduce the cost ^{to the Board} of carrying on the works. Second the receipts from the sale of & gifts for medicines. This sum is made up principally from the sale of Cod Liver oil, prepared foods & other

expensive medicines which are not commonly
 given free in Charitable Dispensaries &
 which we keep for the convenience of
 persons who can pay for them & who have
 not the means otherwise of procuring them
 in a country station. ⁱⁿ This sum is
 also nearly \$200 which I have received for
 supplying glasses thro' an optician in New York.
 A fee is charged for eye examinations to those
 who are able to pay & this is credited to the
 Board under "fees received". The Commission
 allowed on the glasses & the optician's
 is credited to the Mission under "Sale
 of medicines etc". The bills in such cases are
 paid out of the medical appropriation & all
 the receipts likewise credited, the profit
 whatever it is in each instance going
 towards the reduction of the general expenses
 under the class. Third The stem sale of
 bottles. The bottles ^{from the sale of} which this sum is
 derived are supplied by a person friend
 to be given away or sold for a nominal sum
 to the sick poor. This is virtually a gift ^{on the field} to the
 work in the field. Fourth The stem support of
 assistants. This sum was handed me by the
 Mission Treasurer as a gift from Miss
 Wilets who was then in America for the
 support of work under the appropriation

The gifts for out are mainly from friends on the field who have aided the few persons we have been able to diet only about 10% of in patients being dieted at hospital expense.

The fact is if we had not been privileged to use these sums the hospital would have been closed a good part of the time during the past few years of heavy cuts.

The medical work has increased considerably in its extensiveness during the past two & 1/2 years since we returned to India, but I am glad to be able to point out that the cost to the Board is at the same time being diminished. Last year anticipating another heavy cut we ^{to the extent of Rs 500} deliberately reduced the estimate under Class VI ² expecting at the same time an increase in the actual cost of carrying on the work.

For the year ending April 30/98 the actual cost of the work in Miraj under Class VI was (after deducting fees credited to the Board) Rs 2503. This year (April 30/99) the cost was Rs 1346. True the cost of the work was reduced by the presence of plague but the receipts creditable to the general expenses were relatively more greatly diminished.

In view of the above it will be clear, I think, that our aim with regard to financial management has been to reduce the

cost of the work to the Board & it has always appeared to me that this could best be done under the present plan.

If we were to carry out the suggestion of the Committee by asking the Board for an appropriation sufficient to support the work independently of any anticipated income on the field it would be necessary to ask for not only a much larger appropriation ~~and~~ the plan would tend to cut the nerve of self support, & though a certain ^{part} sum would be annually turned over to the Board, the actual cost to the Board would, ^{most probably} in the end be greater than it is at present. For myself it would be the more agreeable plan since it would largely remove responsibility from me ^(others in the work) to the Board. My mind would be "making provision for the flesh" in a matter in which responsibility is a stimulus to increased effort towards self support. Speaking for myself I fear it would create the feeling that the support of the work ^{fully} guaranteed one need not ^{so constantly} put himself about to promote the cause of self support.

For my part I take the day is not far distant when we will be able to say to the Board, as I believe the Dean I have discussed

have said "Give us all the receipts including fees & we will not ask the Board for an appropriation under Class VI." Even now I think we are ready to say to the Board "grant us all the receipts on the field & we will reduce our estimate one half."

I have thus tried to write you fully concerning this matter in order that should action be taken by the Board they will have some additional data on which to base their action. For myself I have no choice in the matter except that by which the Board's interests shall be best preserved & Christ's cause most successfully promoted.

With regard to the 2nd point in the Committee's statement I would say that the Station acted in keeping with what they believed to be the spirit of the Board's rule in view of the heavy cut. The cut on Class VI ^{amounted} to 55% owing to the decision of the Station not to touch the salaries of ^{magisterial workers} helped under other classes & it was an exceedingly difficult matter to cede that cut notwithstanding our receipts & in the end personal pockets had to make up a considerable sum.

In conclusion a brief statement as to the actual cost of the work per capita

in this Hospital. For the year 1898 the cost to the Board per capita per in patient was Rs 4/- for supplies & native assistants & if ~~the~~ salaries of Miss Foster & myself be included the cost to the Board per capita per in patient was Rs 12/-, while the cost of treating 4878 out door patients who made 18117 visits to the Dispensary was less than Rs 1 each including salaries of Miss Foster & myself.

A few years ago I figured out the cost per capita in the largest & most economically conducted government hospital in this Presidency & I found it to be it to be about Rs 280 per capita for year while ours on the same basis was only Rs 72 in 1898. Other institutions ran as high as Rs 350 & more. I think this is a pretty good argument for the economy of mission hospitals while for our I think it will hold a place with any in the efficiency of its medical work. The fact that patients come to us from Bombay, Poona & other large cities is evidence I think of the truth of the latter statement.

I hope I shall find time very shortly for a few words on the "better side" of this blessed work.

With kindest greetings I am
yours very sincerely
W. J. A. L.

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Home & Day

My dear Mr. Speer,

I have this morn-
g received your letter in closing
estimates. You will perhaps be

amused to find that I have been
expanded from the young ladies.

at the winter meeting in October.

It would perhaps be to take up
still more work for a time since this
is the wish of so many of our people.

But I trust that you will not
misunderstand this. I am most
willing to enlarge the plan of Village
work and wait the first opportunity
to follow God's leading in this.

I would express what I wrote
in my last letter - the annual letter

holds the purse strings can thus guide us into His
will. I long to have this new effort a testimony to
God's power both in enlivening hearts at home and
working His mighty works through those sent out here.

Our group has been most cordially received
by Dr. & Mrs. Manless at Miraj. They are happily
located - keeping house in the Children's Hospital.

I have written Miss Scott to day. Mother and I
will receive her to our cosy home - as soon as
she can come. Please give our love to Mrs. Spur-

mother is wonderfully restored! She is enjoining Marathi espe-
cially with view to her Sunday school class - Now Miss
Scott here, I would be more free to visit our villages. We have
arranged for a bullock cart or rather a Dumanie - a good protection
for travel in the Eains. I hope to go to some village very soon -
Very cordially,
J. F. & M. H. B.

So increasing our number that some
of us can be taken for present station
work. Just here in Kothabam we
could so well use a group of four
ladies (two for villages around K. one
to assist in the Boarding School
and one for City work.) In Mirai
two ladies would find a most in-
grossing field. Our four ladies are
there now and I am sure that
two will be greatly needed there.

When Miss Minor & Miss Jefferson
leave what can be done for Rat-
-nayerri?

As I feel these pressures, I
would say just this - I will con-
-tinue to pray for the growth of
the Settlement in funds and
Candidates. May the fund of the
Settlement be kept so distinct
that all money unused for it here and
all designated for it shall be available
to send out new workers? He who

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Sangli, India June 9, 1899.

My Dear Speer,

It is very pleasant to be once more renewing correspondence with you though the occasion is a sad one for us all. The coming of your letter makes us realize afresh that we are to hear from Dr. Gillespie no more.

Two copies of your letter to the Mission together with the appropriations for all the mission came in a registered letter to Mr Graham a few days ago. The copy of the appropriations should have been sent to Mr. Simonson who is our treasurer and to whom I turned them over. Also please note that I am now secretary of Sangli station - a fact of which I should have informed you before - as well as secretary of the mission. I mention these things to avoid trouble in correspondence as I had difficulty in getting the letter addressed to Mr Graham who has left the country.

I am disappointed that it was impossible to grant the amount remaining which is needed to build the "Sangli Dormitory." As you doubtless know Mr. Hand has already sent us money to the amount of (practically) Rs. 4000 leaving only Rs 1600 to make up the Rs. 5600 we asked for to put up the new building. How much it is needed is impressed on me every day. We have 56 boys in school now and 8 or 10 more coming. Then some of them will have to sleep in the school house. We are using both verandahs for recitation rooms and sometimes the classes are driven indoors by the rain. By the way the present plan is not to build a new dormitory after all but to use the present school house for a dormitory and to build a new building for a school house which seems to be a better arrangement and of course amounts to the same thing.

I want to ask the Board to allow me to try to raise this amount of Rs. 1600 for the new school building by appealing to my friends at home. I have hopes that I could raise a part of it at least.

Your letter intimates that as regards new men all the missions are to be "weighed in the balances." I hope ours will be "found wanting." I want to say a word about our need of men. Let me begin with Sangli. We need another man here. Even if Mr Jolly comes back able to take up his work (and I am glad to say that the last letters are very hopeful. We expect him home this month)). We need another man anyway. I cannot help feeling, and I think the mission shares it, that I ought to put in a good deal of time on the school. Just as soon as we can get the industrial part of the work started we will have 100-150 boys - nearly all of Christian parents who are to be the mainstay of our mission in the next few years. In addition there is the church to be looked after and unlimited work to be done in the town and vicinity.

As to other stations. There has been no male missionary in Ratnagiri the past six months nor is there any prospect of one unless someone is sent there next mission meeting. Panhala has only one man.

So much for permanent needs. As to temporary - Mr Graham and Mr Hannum are both at home and Mr Irwin is due to go this year.

I have very much more to say but my time has run out. Perhaps I can continue another week.

Sincerely,

Edgar M. Wilson

Wm. Walter 7/30/31
Hon. Walter Oct 15

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MR. SPEER.

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12th June 1899

My Dear Mr. Speer.

Your letter of 5th June was handed me on my return from Lancaster Saturday night. We appreciate your feelings concerning return of missionaries to the field, your discrimination in reasons for extension of furloughs and especially your sympathetic reference to our case. I have given prayerful thought to your propositions and am led to these decisions.

First, your proposition that I should return in the Fall leaving my wife to come on later, I cannot in the light of present circumstances

accept. If later the Lord should point the way to such a step I should then do so.

Second, the compromise plan of the suspension of salary till the time of return, I should accept if the Council and Board deem it necessary, for I believe that the Lord will provide. I think I could secure some support by supplying a pulpit in this country for some months.

In asking simply for extension of furlough, as advised by Dr. Brown, I did not mean to imply that the home allowance could be dispensed with, nor had I any thought of making an unreasonable demand. I shall trust the Board to do whatever will be just and wise.

Cordially Yours,
William H. Hannum.

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15th May 1899

Dear Bro. Speer:

Your kind
letter of 9th inst. is received.
I thank you for the information.

A letter just received from
Mr. Hand concerning time and
route of return to the field shows
me that the time has come for
~~for~~ me to make application to
the Board for extension of furlough,
on grounds of health of my wife
and little son. Enclosed is a

certificate from the physician
who has been treating us in
Columbus, Dr. G. R. Bissell.

As to the period of extension,
the physician's opinion names
the latter part of January
as the earliest safe time. I
hope we can go then.

Please present the matter
in due course to the Board.

Yours Sincerely,
William H. Annen.

G. R. Bissell, M. D.

835 Franklin Ave.

Columbus, O.

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May 15th 1899.

Mr R. E. Speer.

Secretary Board of Foreign
Missions;

This is to certify that Mrs
W. H. Hammum, is to be confined
the latter part of September, which
of course will prevent the return of
the Rev. Mr. Hammum to his field of
Labor at the expiration of his leave
of absence. In my judgement, should
everything go on normally, Mrs
H. ought not to think of going
from her home to a foreign country
before the latter part of January
1900, at the earliest

Yours etc.

G. R. Bissell, M. D.

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MR. SPEER.

826 Kodak S. M. Co., India.

June 19, 1899.

Mr. R. E. Speer,

Sec. P. B. F. M.,

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156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.,

My Dear Mr. Speer: —

We had been looking eagerly for our appropriations for the new year, and were exceedingly glad when they came with your letter.

The Station requested me to answer the letter, and I would have done so sooner if had not other duties made it impossible for me to give my mind to the task.

As our fiscal year begins the first of May of course we had to go on faith

until we heard how much
our home Board was able
to appropriate for our work.

It is very gratifying to hear
of the Re. 1200 granted the Mission
in excess of last year's appro-
priation, though we can not
help regretting the inability of
the Board to give up to
the full measure of our
asking, for it is our heart's
desire to see the Lord's work
greatly enlarged in this ^{dark} land.
Perhaps even yet, as the
financial condition of the
Board is so encouraging
we may hope for the
"supplementary appropriations"
of which you wrote.

Our Station had begun

to think that the coming
of Dr. McArthur to Kodoli
was almost an assured
thing, especially since we
hoped Miss Sherman's salary
might be transferred to her.
I can not tell you with
what astonishment and
dismay we read in your
letter that "the whole strength
of the appeal" of the Board
off the Southwore & in behalf
of their being allowed to
send Dr. McArthur to Kodoli
"rested on grounds which
disappeared in the removal
of Miss Sherman."

To us it seemed that the
need of a physician here
was immeasurably increased

upon Miss Sherman's departure
She had been the one to
whom we referred all our
sick; and she had been
very successful and
greatly blessed in the
use of medicines among
the people. Her work
in this line had opened
up homes among the
higher castes to which
she and Miss Brown
have been ever since
welcomed visitors. Now she
has gone and this work
has fallen upon my shoulders,
and I feel utterly unequal
to this part of "The white
man's burden."

Dr. Wilson has kindly

offered to come out to us
 during few weeks during the
 rains and we have thank-
 fully accepted. He offered
 help, but after that - what?

One of our Kodoli Christian
 young men has been
 trained as a comborder
 at Miraj and is ready to
 be employed in the Dis-
 pensary, if only we might
 have a doctor to take
 charge. My heart sinks
 at the thought of the
 intervals between Dr. Wilson's
 visits, when I know my
 unskilled hand must be
 the one to minister to the
 sick among us.

Dr. Wilson was much

suffering bride bring
Christ-like in its nature
we find a great help in
reaching the hearts and
homes of the people, and
making it possible to offer
to them the great remedy
for the sick soul. I
have referred to the homes
that medicine has already
opened to Miss Sherman
and Miss Brown here in
Kodoli. Miss Brown and I
wish to continue the work
of visiting during the
coming months, until time
for Mission-meeting in Oct-
and must as formerly em-
ploy the healing art to
make us welcome in many homes.

After our meeting comes
the touring season comes
the touring season when
again the medical mission-
ary, man or woman,
would be most helpful
in the villages -

We trust that even if
it is too late now to
secure Dr. McArthur for
Kodoli, our need may still
be kept before the Board,
and that sometime in the
near future we may have
the pleasure of welcoming
a medical missionary to our
tribe in the Panhalla field.

Yours sincerely.

(Mrs. L. B.) Sara M. Tedford.

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MR. SPEER.

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Chautauque, N. Y.
4th July 1899

My Dear Mr. Speer:

Your letter
of 20th June, advising me of the
Board's action, was lately received.
I thank you and the Board
for the favors granted in
extension of furlough and
allowance

We are well, and have been
enjoying the privileges of Clifton
Springs and of Chautauque

Very Cordially Yours,
William B. Hannum.

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MR. SPEER.

Friday July 6/99

My dear Mr. Speer

In my letter of June 1st I expressed the hope of soon being able to write you on the other side of our station work. I regret having delayed doing so so long. We have never been so crowded with work since we opened the hospital. This part of the country is now comparatively free of plague & traveling, strictures have been largely removed & people are now coming to us in large numbers from outside villages. Just now we have only two vacant beds in the whole hospital. We have never had such attentive audiences as we have now & I have not known a time when so many have taken the interest in the gospel message as now. Our Sunday morning service - a combined sabbath school & preaching service - has never been so well attended. Our plan is to have all the patients learn a verse of scripture in connection with the S. S. lesson. Usually the golden text & then this verse is used as a text in connection with the S. S. lesson review. It is an interesting sight to see the old & young

of all classes frequently including ^{the lowest castes} ~~the lowest castes~~ in their service & repeating in turn a verse of scripture ~~heard~~ in the hospital. Sometimes it takes several days on the part of the Bible women ~~and~~ ^{Mr} Wanless & the Catechist to get these people to memorize a single verse.

These people are as a rule so desperately ignorant that we regard it as quite an achievement for them to commit a few verses of scripture. I feel when they can do this & the verses have been fully explained that they are taking up to them something definite from which a ^{definite} ~~definite~~ conviction may ^{be expected to} ~~be expected to~~ develop. This morning S.S. is now attended by ~~more~~ a hundred persons. Classes are formed around the beds while the text & lesson are being taught.

Through the week the daily visitation to the bedside by the Catechist & Bible women Nurse & Mr Wanless in addition to the weekly service are all a preparation for this principal service on Sunday.

Our great regret now is that we have not sufficient help to follow these people to their homes by tours & visits in the town of Miraj. This need seems

now greatly intensified by Mr Simonson's illness. Four months ago he got an attack of glaucoma retinitis & he has been able to use his eyes but little since & I fear in fact it is not ^{quite} probable, that he will have to go home — without further delay. I think ten days more will finally determine the decision with regard to him. He has recently had an attack of malaria from which he is just recovering. Mr Simonson's going will seriously cripple our station ^{work} and is there not need for more men in this mission. We have been pleading for men & receive women. We can use all the women now in the mission but there are regions beyond which women cannot touch to say nothing of the heaps of neglected work at our elms.

The Settlement Ladies are located in India until Mission meeting & we are glad to have the advantage of their company & fellowship for these few months. It seems probable that they will be located here until a house can be built for them in a village. In this part of India bungalows or buildings suitable for the residence of Europeans are not available in the villages.

and it seemed to most of us on the field, all of us I think, a ~~short-sighted~~ policy which did not contemplate this emergency before these ladies left America.

I do not know what these ladies will finally decide with regard to the possibility of living on their present allowance but I think they will be hard pressed especially as they have no allowance for a personal teacher. The allowance is less than the Associate (Settlement) workers of the F. B. M. M. receive & who are also provided with personal teachers. These ladies are probably too modest yet to ask for this allowance but I frankly think they should be granted it especially as they have to pay well for unskilful teachers.

They all seem to be earnest devoted Christians & workers, persons full of the Spirit & who will therefore wear

Mrs Hamilton is the only one with regard to whose health there seems to be doubt but the stage of acclimation passed she will probably find the climate more congenial.

We rejoice in the very encouraging conclusion of the last fiscal year

we trust & pray that the present
year will be marked by a forward
movement not only on the part of
the churches at home in the sending
out of new workers but also on
the part of the churches in the
field in the ingathering of
much precious fruit for the
Master's glory.

With warmest greetings & prayers
for you all in the Board Rooms
that God may continually be the
Breaker-up of your way

Very cordially yours
W. J. Andrews

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MR. SPEER

9 North Street
Hillsdale, Mich

July 9th / 1899

Dear Mr. Speer:

As my books of
reference have not yet come
will you kindly give me
a few figures I greatly
desire to use:

(1) Total Protestant Christians in
India (proper) ⁹¹⁸⁸ (including Ceylon) how many?

(2) Number of Roman Catholic Christians
in India? how many?

(3) How many missionaries of our Board, in India? 136.

(4) Total number of American missionaries in India?

(5) Will you send me a copy of the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions?

Believe me

Very sincerely

Wm. L. G. Lacy H. Ferris.

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North St.

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Spierdale. Mich

July 13th / 1899

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P. E. Speer:

Dear Mr. Speer;

Yesterday I rec'd a letter from Mrs W. J. Bennett Secretary of Missionary Home, asking me to fill the place of Mrs Lugenberger in Livingstone Home during the time or a part of the time, of a rest she needs this fall.

What do you think I should do about it?

I have written to Mrs Bennett today, & doubt the propriety
saying it was doubtful that I would accept, but that I
desired a week in which to decide.

I am as desirous as any one to have those young
men & boys well cared for & therefore greatly doubt
the wisdom of my being the one, even temporarily to do
it.

I have come home to rest, & acquire health of course &
I wish you would help me

of my assuming duties which will be more or less arduous.
I am entitled to my full
allowance & rest.

If I should accept the in-
vitation for three or six months
would I receive any extra
allowance & how much?
How much of the actual
work of sewing, mending,
cropping, buying & taking

would I be expected to do?
I wish you would help me

to a decision.

I want to return to India
in the fall of 19th. I do
not wish to do such work as
will interfere with my regain-
ing health of body & mind.

Also I owe allegiance to the
New Castle Presbytery, which
for nearly twenty one years
has supported me & honored
gifts upon me. I think I
owe it to them to make them
a visit in the fall.

Believe me

Very sincerely

Lucy H. Stone

Please return enclosed letter.

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AUG 10 1899

MR. SPEED

My dear Mr. Speed

Dear

Robert's last letter was a message which leads me to feel that you may be under a misapprehension.

I send you my brother's letter that you have been told that the Chief of InchalKarangi will not allow the settlement in his State, and that the Rajah of Kolahar agrees to give rights of residence to the ladies.

Under these men, I had from the Chief of InchalKarangi a friendly note sending me £. 45 for some books brought from America. When I wrote him regarding a

Bungalow at Inchalkaranji, he
 expected that his Bungalow was
 used for guests who stopped a
 week at a time. I quite under-
 stood this for it is important
 that the traveller's Bungalow be
 available for guests.

As to our Rajah - Last October
 Mr. Mission petitioned the Bombay
 Government regarding plague
 measures. This petition reflected
 seriously upon our Political Agent
 Col. Wray. Both Col. & Mrs Wray
 have been deeply grieved.

It is reported that Dr. Sinclair said
 that Col. Wray said that the Rajah
 had said that he would not
 guarantee protection to the young

ladies. This has never originated
 with His Highness - as Mrs. Seiler
 thinks. Mrs. Goheen says that we
 should simply take it to mean
 that we ^(as a mission) are at present in dis-
 favor, and this is temporary.

Col. Wray expects to leave for
 England in January.

Mother and I had no hand
 in the Mission action, and this
 has been recognized - for Mrs
 Wray called upon Mother.

Yesterday both Mother and I
 were invited to her "At Home".

As Mother did not feel quite able
 to go, I went alone, and was
 treated most cordially by both
 Col. and Mrs Wray. I was

years, Mother and I have called
at the Palace. - I will quote from
Mrs Ward's letter in reply to you
saying if we might see the
Rani Sahib. She writes -
My dear Miss Wilde - 11th July. /99

I have been a
long time answering your note
but I was expecting His Highness
who was coming by Appointment
to see me. He has only just been.
I thought it better to ask him his
wishes as he is leaving Kolhapur
tomorrow for a week or so. He has
asked me to convey his thanks for
your kind desire to see the Rani,
and to say he would rather your
visit should be postponed till
his return when he can ensure
proper arrangements being ready
at the Palace. - I am so soon to hear

your Mother has been ill. I hope
her arm has not been troubling
her. - I am so glad she is better again.
Col. Pryor's arm is rather better, I think.
But he has been suffering from a
very violent cold, since for a week
which kept him at times, to
his house for 3 or 4 days. - but he
is better. With our kind regards
believe me Sir - Sincerely &c

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I would just have you know
 how it is with us. Personally Cor + Mrs
 & we are friendly.

Now it is with us. Personally I + Mrs
Wear are friendly.
I cannot now need not go on any
judgement about our Mission
Action - but when reminded of it
that all may be overruled;
I'm to leave I receive this experience
that its lesson for each one of us.

The news of Dr. Cozier's ap-
pointment rejoices my heart.
I wait to hear regarding

Miss Scott. I greatly desire to have her come - to be with us at first - and to make it possible for some one ^{or two} of us to be spared for station work.

It was that Mr. Simonson is expecting to leave soon for America because of his eyes. This is a sore trial for if Mr. Simonson is going home, we do so greatly need more men.

Mr. Seiler has prepared a map of our Mission Field. It is dotted with villages, and makes a strong appeal for the hundreds of unoccupied villages around us.

Please give my love to Mrs. Spier.

Dear Mother is much better. With kindest regards from us both - and

the hope that you will in prayer often remember our Mission Circle.

Very sincerely
Grace E. Wilder

P.S. I have received no intimation from the Col. or Rajah or Chiefs or people that our Circle is not welcome -
G. E. W.

This morning's mail brings me a letter from Mr. Simonson. He writes - My eyes seem a little better so my going home seems doubtful.
G. E. W.

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AUG 17, 1899
MR. SPEER.

Kodak Super

July 14 - 1899.

My Dear Mr. Speer

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Judging from my correspondence I am afraid you have reason to infer I have little to write and am loathe to write that little. But I trust you will realize that I have been long enough in the old unsustained land of India for the romantic & the new to be a thing of the past. Perhaps I have not the proper missionary eye to see light in the darkness, even in the old, and that hinders the still small voice of God amid the surging disorders of the great-
titanic world.

We are all glad to hear of reinforcements promised. We of the Panhala station are glad that Kodali-muddy Kodali - is likely to become a physician. But how sad to hear that Mr.

Seniussen has been ordered home
on account of his eyes and
that the prospects are that Mr.
Jolly our most useful Mr. Jolly =
may have to follow him in
the near future.

We are glad to get another year's
proportions and ~~withstanding~~ the
great cut. We seem to be getting
used to being denied what we
want need so much. But I
must plainly tell you there is
one thing it is very hard for me
to be resigned to - to be denied
the little help & ^{sometimes} ask for
our poor struggling ^{Church} Kodali.

You will remember that the Mission
is \$100 for enlarging the
Kodali Bengalan premises for the
purpose of keeping my disreputable
people from wandering near us.
& also for furnishing a little land

for our poor cultivators. I hope
 about six acres can be had
 for the above sum. And as
 it lies adjoining our present land
 & can be irrigated from our
 grand alk well, we expect great
 things from the purchase of it.
 Now as the owner may soon
 change his mind, may I
urge upon you to use your
 influence in securing this acquisition.
 As our town is out of debt
 I hope & pray this much may
 be realized soon.

With our own & others contributions
 I have a very powerful mill now
 on the ground to be used in the
 irrigation of crops & towards operating
 other machinery as tim & iron ^{portable} ~~portable~~
 may ~~unlike~~ the laying aside of
 Mr. Jell's ~~industrial~~ ^{industrial} man, as
 presented the erection of this mill
 for many centuries.

Now a word please as to the poverty
 of this part of India but esp. the
 only class of people that are coming
 into the Church. I doubt if there
 is a missionary under our Board
 that insists upon an energy and
self help these myself. Our people
 had it - are willing to work but
 there is scarcely any work at all.
 I know & do hope for you all in
 India, Brazil, America to realize
 that India is overpopulated.
 Were not the class of people
 we are influencing accustomed
 to eat the otherwise useless dead
 animals, humanely speaking it
 would be impossible for them
 to live.

Will you let me draw a true
 picture of the Kodali community of
 about 1,50 souls with an exception
 all of the low Malar caste with
 the exception of our Mission agents

they are all Cultivators and a general Conscience for the higher castes, none of them except our own personal servants have any thing like permanent employment. & only about 3 acres of land as a basis or foothold. The average household furniture could be bought for something \$2- & the average wardrobe of each adult for .50 while the children have a little more on them when they first saw the light.

One comes the cold stormy monsoon catching our people with scarcely a thing laid up for three weeks of rainy days. I have with the greatest economy & care given them during the fair season all the work & could find in the shape of necessary repairs on our mission buildings & any thing

my own family might require.
 Well according to custom our
 men in the early evening
 go & join the great crowd
 sitting in the Bazar for work
 eager to be employed upon
 the daily allowance of three cents.
 Upon the principle we employ our
 own people in preference to the
 Hindus, likewise they their own in
 pref. to ours. The result is a
 lot of poor ragged, lank, discouraged
 men appear at our Bazaar
 saying, "Sir we can find no
 work & have nothing whatever
 to eat. Can you give us some
 work to day? If not what
 shall we do?"

May I ask what the Board would
 advise in the following cases.
 Sunday comes around & some
 of our people are missing in
 their seats. Well, My dear, you

were not at the services yesterday.
 "Sir on Saturday night - we had
 nothing whatever to eat - and so I
 had to go out & work for some
 bread. I knew I ought not to
 work on the Sabbath but shall
 we starve all day"? Well, Rama,
 could you not have managed
 to have washed your garment,
 (a kind of loose cotton shirt)
 and a piece more decent in
 the house of God? Sir, this is
 the only garment I have and
 what should I have put on while
 I try to dry it - outside in sun-
 shine & within in fire? Krishna you
 were not at church yesterday.
 True. But I had to take a
 government document according to
 my turn to a distant village
 & so could not come.
 Barla Why were you not at
 church? Sir a government officer

came down town Sunday morning
& I had dogs and find some
fuel to cook & feed & cut grass
for the horse.

On the way to church I see another
one of our men chopping wood;
the church officers are informing
& the man says, "This Sabbath
morning I was called to do
this work & you know a
man has employed me by
the year to do such chores &
if I don't they think he
will not give me the little
grain promised."

Just at a time when our
Christian masses are at their
wits ends to keep soul & body
together, they are called to
work on a secular temple;
But say they "we are Christians
& can't help to build such
idolatrous places of worship."

"Oh say the temple builders don't
 be so particular, come along
 we shall give you good wages.
 Your missionary is not in
 our town now & will never
 know anything about it." For
 men as such - We fear God &
 not man. We shall not do
 such work. I know very well
 what such a refusal meant
 to them. It meant real hunger
 to them - their wives & children.

I might
~~should~~ mention other causes
 for drawing our people into secular
 work on the Sabbath, such
 as guarding their unenclosed
 fields against animals & birds.
 The supposing difficulty of suspending
 certain kinds of work on the
 Sabbath such as sugar making
 harvesting &c. All such things
and wages are paid during

and the work must be done
in due time.

Some one may ask "Are nat-
ional Christians subjects of England?
- Such they are regarded
in England but in India I
am sorry to say things are different.
The law in regarding them
in England is one thing, the
application of that law in
India is quite another. I
can assure you that some
high English officials have become
so degenerated by continuous
service in this weather that
they are even more
willing to the more to
have our people. But few
of them have faith in missions
even some of those who have
not left their mission in
the Red Sea. The highest official
in this State of Kolhapur

the real King in many matters,
 recently influenced the young
 & well disposed Marathi King
 to expel all missionaries
 from his Kingdom, & the
 Bombay Government was obliged
 to interpose & to resist. But I am
 thankful that the King was to the
 effect that the petition was of
 such a nature that the general
 government would have to
 be consulted. If such a petition
 were sent to Calcutta may we
 not hope, that our vicereine
 an American girl ~~may~~ ^{might} have a
 word to say to her good husband
 as to some of her oppressed
 countrymen. This same official
 & his wife seem to take delight
 in casting reflections upon us
 & the cause in the presence
 of the high nation officials of
 the Kingdom. Recently without

giving reason the only Whittier
lawyer in the state - a very
useful & upright man - was
summarily ordered to leave the
state. And this too has done
to his great loss.

Why should our people - farmers
improving their ordinary nature
still be counted among the
low castes, whose rights even
our God ~~is~~ would disregard?

How can such opposition to Christ,
& his cause must always be
expected.

I am afraid we shall ^{have} about
a large no. of backsliders this
year & some Senior Church
discipline but all this together
with the death of our good &
faithful horse, do not trouble
me so much as the poverty
of our people. Why should they

In requiring to suffer for Jesus not
only every man but every woman?
~~How~~ ~~discouraging~~ for the teachers
to be calling our people "mook"
"mook" has an evil influence
this is the Lord's sifting & trying
of his own & that those
who endure will be allowed to
enjoy brighter days in store
in Christ's Kingdom in India.
When a Semitic government
will awake to the truth that
there is something in the
cause of missions - yes the
remedy for poor lost India.

Since beginning this the Board's letter
of June 5th has come, with its
many new rules & suggestions.
I am glad you our Secretary
~~I would please~~ ~~at~~ ~~home~~ ~~written~~
so very cordially & frankly to
us. that you have elicited

Our mutual sympathy, frankness
and prayers.
Now Brother Spier taking ^{you} at your
word, believing that you are
one with us in this great-
world field of the Master.
I would wish fully to you
re some things in which
we all have an interest.

First as to the "Settlement Plan".
We understood it as a kind of
experiment on the Board's
part. But in order for that
experiment to have a fair
chance some things must be
attended to. We I assume you
had great difficulty in even
locating the party temporarily.
The principle causes were want-
of room & the belief that
Mrs. & Miss Wilder & the seven
ladies should live separately.

Houses suitable for foreigners do
 not spring up like Jacob's grain.
 And instead of friends at home
 interested in the enterprise, ^{first} trying
 to have quarters prepared for
 them among the villages where
 they want to live we hear
 the cry is to be increased.
 I am afraid our great mistake
 is being made in not being
 able to locate them at once
 where they would like to be.
 Otherwise is there not a danger
 of winning them away from
 their first home by placing
 them in our larger stations?

Does the Board realize that we
 need more in our mission
 almost - twice as many ladies
 as even with full ~~voting powers~~
 excepting of course the settled ladies?

Second. Another matter that
 gives me serious concern is
 that home friends have a
 too general knowledge of things
 abroad. a kind of historical
 or geographical acquaintance
 of nations & races of people.
 When will the time come when
 in some way the home Church
 will know more of the inner
 life of things out here - not
 only know particular missions
 & missionaries but also know
 their individual work but the
 very individuals they are trying
 to reach & save. Perhaps we
 missionaries are to blame in this
 respect -; perhaps we do not
 give in detail, in intelligible
 words the true state of things
 as we see them face to face.
 I am sure I try to make
 my reports etc. plain & interesting.

I have had the feeling for some
 time that there is too much
 giving of money upon the
 spur of the moment; given
 by feelings created by some
 eloquent-general appeal.
 Is there not a danger of
 such appeals - such overcolored
 eloquence - misrepresenting the
 true state of things? Or of not-
 rep. the real condition and
 needs of some particular men
women & children. My impression
 is that \$1 - given by a man
 knowing the real state of some
heathen - the dark. the bright &
inner side & letting his
 sympathy & prayers hover around
 these individuals receiving his
 help, will be more of - (by
 the help of Him who knows all)
 to do the work than \$10
 given on the strength of an

Eloquent, Classical address
the enthusiasm & interest-enduring
only so long as the echoes of
eloquence ring in the ears.

Eloquence is an excellent-gift
but it ought not only to
touch the earth occasionally,
but it should not sit
on the heads and shine in the
faces of men of like passions
as ourselves.

The currents of materialism are
indeed very strong even in the
holiest ~~Church~~ of spiritual Church
of our blessed, impartial Lord.

Brother, I fear your deciding
very ~~much~~ ~~very~~ ~~much~~ ~~discouraging~~
me of a letter. Such I must
admit it is. But other missionaries
besides myself sometimes become
discouraged. Such men as
are living in excellence in this

regard. And in order to be
honest with myself and with my
Church ought not to sometimes
hide such feelings. God has
seen fit in all ages to test those
of his servants in the hottest
of the fight - face to face with
the devil & his angels.

And if you are sick at heart
would pray for and sympathize
with many such innocents,
please know the ground they are
trying to occupy & the nature
of the foe with which they
are contending, and so as to
work ~~on~~ under - where
they are trying to find the better
way.

And in order to ^{properly} sympathize and
help a poor Ch. community trying
to be free indeed they should
be remembering that the ^{unhappy} ~~unhappy~~ ^{unhappy}
world is going unhappily in one

direction, that no man tries to
 be a law unto himself. but that
 the wish and whim of the nearest
 crowd is religion duty & life.
 And that those who try to live
 in a rational manner, and
 according to personal convictions
 must appear as peculiar & unique
 as did Bunyan's pilgrims in
 Vanity Fair. And should not one
 of the latter be more worthy
 of our help than the former?
 Yet I am afraid our well equipped
 Schools & Hospitals (regarded as
 government work & duty) rather testify
 to ^{the} contrary.

As comparatively easy thing to
 make long itinerating tours among
 the ungodly masses, a comparatively
 easy and unrepentant matter
 to conduct large & expensive
 schools for the non-Christian,
 but great the ~~anxiety~~ anxiety

and mightily the responsibility for a large native Church. Sometimes it seems easier to be instrumental in detaching men from the great-colossal structure of custom and idolatry, than to care for them after they are detached.

In this station where so many of the poor are ready to cast in their lot with ^{us} I am inclined to decide - more industry and more employment, or no more baptisms.

Yours very Fraternally

L. H. Bedford

P.S.

This week by circular invitation the Mission has decided to call for another male missionary in addition to Mr. Wiley. I think I can safely say that all the mission would prefer to see another male missionary than Lady Docton, the as yet undeveloped "Settlement" in California, ^{over}

The last missionary conference of New York was much more interesting & practical than any previous ones. I would suggest the following for next year's conference: "State Rights of the Low Caste of India" & Industries for Native Christians & the Propriety of Men in the West Investing in them.

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Settlement, Bangalore
M. S. M. B. India

My dear Mr. Speer,

We have read with much interest your letter of June 5th addressed to the Station, rejoicing to know that you are to be our correspondent, and in the news of the appointment of the new missionaries, especially that Dr. Cooper has been appointed to join the Village Settlement.

With reference to her and our location at a Station meeting last evening it was decided that Dr. Warless should write to us and I was asked to make a statement on behalf of the Village Settlement.

While at Mahableswar Miss Wilde was in correspondence with a native chief in regard to a bungalow she hoped we could rent, but she did not receive a favorable answer. An informal meeting of the mission was held at which most of the members expressed the opinion that especially in plague times it was not

likely that we could rent a suitable building in a town or village and that therefore we would need to go to some established station during the rains at least. We tried to plan to keep together but this seemed impossible for the present, there being no available building that would accomodate six persons. We were invited to Kolhapur during the rains, dividing into three groups. Another suggestion was that two go to Kolhapur, four to Sangli or Vengorli or Miraj. We petitioned the mission to send us to Miraj because "four of us could be together (2) that it would bring us in contact with village people, such as we expect to work among. Mrs. and Miss Wilder, as you may know, are in Kolhapur.

With the present staff of workers Dr. Wanless says he is not able to use this building, so if the mission, at their meeting in the fall, think best we may remain here somewhat longer, until after Miss Wilder has had an opportunity to do

some touring and finds the best location for us; but it is not in accordance with the plan of the Village Settlement to locate in Miraj or in any established station.

We are busily engaged in studying the language, and happy in being here, and very thankful for the cordiality and kindness shown us by all the missionaries.

With kindest regards from us all
Believe me,

Very sincerely,
on behalf of the Village Settlement
O. Emily Sherman

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Miraj, S.M.C., July 14, 1899.

Mr Robert E. Speer,

India.

New York, U.S.A.

Dear Mr Speer,

Dr Wanless informs me that he wrote you last week concerning the probability of my early return to the United States. After further examination he has advised me to return immediately, so I have written to engage passage and expect to sail from Bombay on the 29th. inst. It is with not a little regret that I return without being able to complete my first term of service in India. I trust however that my return at this time is only a temporary matter, and that I can soon come back and take up my work again. Pardon my not writing more fully at this time as I expect to see you soon in New York.

Sincerely Yours,

G. H. Simouson

per A.S.W.

Private 229 Vugnola July 18th '99
Dr. M. Spear

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We are also glad to
note the limitation on Children's
allowances. We believe in
Consolidated salaries for one thing.
I have thought for a long time that
it was a great drain on the Board's
funds. We do not believe in
the principle of putting a premium
on the number of children, esp'ly
in this work.

We are convinced that much in-
efficiency has been caused in our
Mission by the Ladies' health being
thus broken down, and the burden
of care & limitations thus brought
on both husband & wife, in the work.

Yrs sincerely
J. M. Brown

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Brugnot, July 18 1899.

Dear Mr Speer:-

Since writing the accompanying letter concerning our furlough I have received your letter to the Mission dated June 5th, and wish to add this letter to it.

Let me thank you, for my part, for your full & clear statements and assurances to the Mission. I am very glad to welcome you as our Secretary. I rejoice to hear

that Mr & Mrs Wiley are commissioned to come to our Mission, and intended for the Koutan. I am also glad that the two lady physicians can be sent, but in that connection allow me to call your attention to one point that I believe I have not previously spoken about but which badly needs correction.

I refer to the disproportion of male & female missionaries in our Mission, all entitled to vote. I would not advocate fewer women but more men and a right proportion.

We have now 18 women to 9 men, with the reinforcements we shall have 22 to 11, which will be reduced by furlough to 19 to 10.

Of these 10 men Mr Jolly is ill & incapacitated, (he is not expected but for two weeks from Australia being delayed by the doctor's advice) and just now Mr Simonson is asking to go home on account of his eyes, at once. Counting the Settlement Ladies' votes at one half, the vote stands 17-10. This, of course, seriously affects & tends to unbalance the Mission's decisions & work. I am not counting the Banana Ladies, 6 in number. This leaves for the coming

year 8 men (counting reinforcements) to carry on the work for men in 6 places & 6 Churches, offices institutions &c

I especially urge therefore, the sending of more men until we have a proper proportion, and rather than continue thus I would recommend sending a man rather than one of the ladies to be sent this year.

2nd- Observe, that considering that Dr Wilson's wife's health is so poor that he could not come to Rattragiri for the rains though there was plague there, on that account, (which he seems to think renders his living in the Koutkan doubtful, - the situation after Mission Meeting with the reinforcements mentioned would be, - four physicians for the Dacca and none for the Koutkan though the Koutkan is in area and population fully one third our Mission field.

This, and the present distribution, four in the Koutkan to twenty-three, in the Dacca, one station to four, and about one tenth the helpers, is not a true distribution. It is helped only by the presence of the German ladies of the other Mission.

I propose therefore that workers be sent out designated to the Koutkan field, and that the Board request the Mission to arrange to secure a better distribution.

Why should there not be a Male Settlement?

These are a few glaring facts which I think ought to be noticed & remedied, before they grow disorders.

Yours very cordially, J. M. Brown

Aug 25 1899

Benares, Kanton India
July 18th 1899.

Robert E. Speer, Esq.

Secy Bd. of For. Missions

Dear Mr Speer:-

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I write to you since you
are the last Secretary to have charge of our correspondence, that
I know of. Since the Board has in its recent appropria-
tions made provision for a furlough for Mrs Swin and myself,
and the regular time of starting on furlough from India has been
determined by the Board, as about April 1st, I hasten to open cor-
-respondence with you on one or two matters in that connection in
accordance with the Manual par. 19, as well as that our plans may
be complete and formed in due time, for of course, Mrs Swin's people
in Scotland and mine in America wish to be informed of them in proper
season.

As par. 19 of the Manual requests, I wish to
inform the Board of our earnest desire to spend a small part of our
furlough out of the U.S. As is already known Mrs Swin's real
home is in Dundee Scotland, and we would like to spend about
three months there. We desire also to stop over a while in Palestine
and one or two other places en route. The whole stay out of the U.S.
besides the ordinary time of the journey, would probably be no more than
four months, leaving a year that we would spend in the U.S.

This, I believe, is the alternative mentioned in the second
sentence of par. 12 of the Manual with regard to travelling expenses.

As to the Home Allowance, in such a case, I believe it is covered by the Manual par. 23 as amended thus, - "Whenever the alternative offered in the second sentence of par. 12. is accepted, the home allowance will begin at the time when the missionary would have reached his home in this country by a direct route."

I understand therefore, that such detours and stay out of the U.S. for a part of the furlough are foreseen, and provided for in the Manual, that the travelling Expenses beyond those of the direct route are to be met by the Missionary, and that the home allowance begins when he would have reached the U.S. by a direct route or in my case about May 1st.

If I am right, will you kindly so inform me, and make a record of the matter in the home office?

And will ^{you} kindly reply to this letter as soon as possible so that right plans may be made?

Yours sincerely J. M. Brown

Miraj July 20th 1899

Mr Robt. E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave
New York

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My dear Mr Speer 232

At a meeting of the Miraj Station. held on the 18th inst. I was authorized to write you in behalf of the station regarding the portion of your letter of June 5th in which you refer to the appointment of Dr Cooper to join the Settlement & in which you say that "if the Settlement is located at Miraj, which is not necessary, we could transfer Dr Cooper to some other mission." In explanation of the present situation I would say that the Settlement is located here only until mission meeting. It is not, I believe the intention of the Settlement to permanently locate in any one of the existing stations & so far as I understand the wishes of the different members of this station & of the mission, it is their desire to have the settlement plan tried. But inasmuch as bungalows ^{for rent} are not available in any of the ^{village} districts in this mission the plan to immediately locate these ladies in a village seems for the present unpracticable & is likely to remain so until land can be

secured & a suitable house built.
And until this can be done it seems
that the only feasible plan is to locate
the ladies together in some one of the
existing stations for the time being.
The ladies are comfortable & satisfied
with their temporary residence here &
under the circumstances it seems
probable that they will remain here
until a suitable dwelling can be
provided for them in an outside village.

With regard to Dr Cooper's coming to
Murray, even if only for a time, there would
be plenty to occupy her especially if
Dr Wilson is transferred at next
mission meeting. I speak of this with
special reference to the Medical Class
of course if the Mission decides to
have Dr Wilson permanently in Murray
this need for Dr Cooper would not hold
though there is ample work for a medical
lady in a place the size of Murray.

I think it quite improbable that the Mission
would permit the location of Dr Wilson & Dr
Cooper or any other two physicians in Murray
in addition to myself though I think
most of us are beginning to feel that the
medical work on this station, if it is to
include the continuance of the Medical
class, the importance of which is being more
& more emphasized, is too much for
one physician & with the district work which
should be done in connection with it is amply
sufficient for two doctors.

Yours very sincerely
W. J. G. S. S. S. S.
Station Duty

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July 20th 1893

My dear Mr. Cooper -

Many thanks
you for your letter of June
5th. I am very glad for thought
and prayer.

How intimate a
possibility of Dr. Cooper being
sent to some other Mission. Be-
cause the location of some
members of the Settlement at
Mirai. The young ladies are lo-
cated at Mirai only until
Mission Meeting. So pray do
not let this temporary mea-
sure effect the sending of Dr.
Cooper. The young ladies felt

that in going to Miraj they
would come in touch with
many village people and
thus be in the line of their
future hopes and plans.
In my case there has been
no motion since I simply
reverted to my former station.
I am daily asking for guidance
in the next step.

Rejoice to find that among us
as a Mission, village work is
increasingly receiving prominence.
Only yesterday we received from
Mr. Jemin a paper presenting
suggestions for the coming
planting season. He believes in

(larger bands and in concen-
-trating prayer & effort for at
least two weeks upon a single
place. You would rejoice to read
it. I had thought to send a
copy regarding Dr. Cooper
but Mr. Gohsen and Mr.
Siler feel a motion is not
necessary.

I received a very happy
letter yesterday from one of
the Miraj group. All seem
so well and busy.

We look for Robert in November.
Your friendship with him has
helped me to bring to you the
settlement plan at its beginning.
Now rejoice that your relation

to us as Secretary gives us a
yet larger claim on your sym-
pathy and prayer.

May I say with reference to Miss
Scott of Barre. that before our
Settlement was approved. ^{several}
ladies were earnestly requested for
station work. Miss Scott's coming

would open the door for me to
realize what I so much
desire as a member of the
Settlement. Have talked with
Mrs. Cohen and she would
welcome Miss Scott here.

With kindest regards for
yourself and Mrs. Apple -
(Mr. Sears here -

P.S. Please remember me
affectionately to Miss Dickens. Grace E. Wilde
G. E. W.

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My Dear Mr. Speer

Your kind and sympathetic letter of June 5th reopening correspondence with us as Secretary of our Mission was most welcome to this little family, and indeed, I am sure, to all our Mission circle. It is comforting to us to have a Secretary who is personally acquainted with many of the members of the Mission and already knows much of our work, our plans and our aspirations. Your letters have always been helpful to us and now they will be ²⁰ more than ever.

I am very glad that you have met Miss Fervis and Miss Patton since their return home. They may have introduced the subject about which I want to write to you - that is - the enlargement of the Christian Girls' School in Kollhapur. This has long had the sanction of the Mission and the estimate for it (\$700) has been for years in our budget - but it has been thrown out

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FROM the Report of the boarding-school at Kolhapur we note the following: The sensible view that sixty girls is as large a number as should be housed together in India; that pupils came from eight places, half of them from Kodoli where Misses Brown and Sherman have been tilling the ground; that all paid a nominal fee; that there is sufficient dormitory space but the life of the missionary teacher is rendered more wearing than necessary on account of cramped school-room accommodations. Six classes recite simultaneously within ear-shot upon open verandahs "in the usual high-keyed, piercing Maratha voice."

Miss Patton, as Principal, has care of all the finances furnishing stores and supplies; looks after the wardrobe; doses and cares for the sick and is on duty until 4 P. M.

Mrs. Ferris, as Associate, has recitations from 11 A. M. till 1-30 P. M., and is on duty from 4 P. M. until 9 P. M.

Miss Patton had a needed change to Mahableshwar for three months of the hot season, whence she returned very much benefitted.

Mrs. Ferris took the five orphans of the School to Panhala, for a change of air, staying six weeks and returned rested.

Anandarao Padghalmal is the Christian Head Master, and has done faithful hard work and has been a great comfort. He has taught five hours daily and has led daily prayers, at which time the whole school has studied Acts.

Hannahbai, Sumattabai and Tarabai have been assistant teachers while taking special studies.

And last and scarcely least, the distress arising from a small school-house, is very wearing. One main room and one small recitation room for nine standards with full curriculum! Nearly all are reciting at once—two classes on this open verandah and two on that; one in each room, while two are sent to the dormitory verandah. One's brain gets almost paralysed with the sounds, for one cannot shut herself up in the room with closed windows and close proximity on the verandahs is unavoidable. The naturally high keyed voice of the natives, pierces one's brain and almost numbs it, and this while one is trying to teach her own class.

May we soon have *seven hundred dollars* with which to add more recitation rooms. Though we take no more boarders, there should be more room.

We thank God for his blessing and our friends for their prayers for this school and ask for a continuance of them.

Mrs. Harris report

because of the necessity for retrenchment.
The Boys' School at Sangli has the same
needs and when Miss Wilder was at home
she made special pleas and secured an
amount sufficient to enlarge both the
Dormitory and School at Sangli. "The Girls'
School" she said "appealed to her even more
strongly than the Boys' School but the
Dormitory here has been recently made over
so it seemed fairer to plead for Sangli."

I enclose a sup. from Mrs Feriss report
and a paragraph from Women's Work -

(Our schools for our Christian boys and
girls are very dear to our whole mission.
This school has been as you say hard
and unresponsive - but there is something
always cheering, always encouraging
something bright in the present and
promising for the future. In these schools
are the children of our native Christians
some very promising Hindu children
from the village schools - a few orphans -
once little waifs - now wards of various
missionaries. We have already drawn
good helpers from these sources and we

expect to have still better ones as our
standard rises -

I am in charge of the Girl's School during
the absence of Miss Patton - and therefore
I am writing to you about it. I am of course
greatly interested in this matter but it
is safe to say that I am not more so than
the others of our Mission.

2100 It has occurred to me that if Miss Patton
and Mrs Harris were allowed to make
special pleas they could raise the money.
or if it were given as a "special object"
to our own dear Huntingdon Presbytery
I believe they would take it up gladly.
Many of the ladies of that Presbyterial
Society were interested in this when we
were at home three years ago. but at
that time, no new work nor special
pleas were allowed -

This is my case which I commit to
you. I believe you will do the best
you can for us.)

Miss Wilder tells me that there is a
very excellent Miss Scott who wishes to
come out here - and she covets her for

on Kolliapur Station. Certainly there
is need for such an one as she describes.
I could write four pages to prove it
but I know you hope that I will not
do it just now. So I shall wait to hear
more.

We are praying that the Ecumenical
Conference may bring forth treasures
new and old and advance the cause
of Christ in all the world. I hope
your thought of a Science for Missions
will be greatly developed.

My husband's kindest regards
with mine.

Very sincerely yours
A. M. Gohren

Mrs Joseph M. Gohren
Kolliapur
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India.

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Ratnagiri, India 5
27 July 1899.

Dear Mr. Speer, — 111

I am very glad you have been appointed our Corresponding Secretary and I wish to thank you for your encouraging letter of June 5th. Naturally I felt interested in your remarks about the Konkani. Mr. Hannum and Mr. Irwin have both represented its needs to you and so it is not necessary for me to enlarge upon that side of the question. Though in case you have not seen a map of the Ratnagiri Colletorate I am sending you one under a separate cover. I have added God & show its position and need as well as its claim upon our Mission for the pure Gospel.

Now I want to write you freely of what has been my desire for some time for the Ratnagiri district. You are aware of the fact that the Zenana, Bible and Medical Mission has been working in connection with our Mission for about six years. I have been associated more or less with all of the ladies of that Mission and have found them good noble workers. We have six of their workers now (four in Ratnagiri and two in Vengurla) two more are promised and I have reason to believe that more would be sent if our Mission should request it. The Home Committee are very desirous of working hand in hand with us. As Corresponding Secretary I have had very pleasant relations with that Society. The G. B. & M. M. pays all expenses in connection with their workers, Bible women and teachers.

My thought is that if our Board could send men and their wives to open new Stations such as Vengurla, Chiplun, Rajapur and Goa a band of the S. B. & M. M. Missionaries could be sent to work with them, thus lessening the expense to our Board and enabling us to open a greater number of Stations. A man and his wife and a group of four young women would make a good working force for one centre.

It seems to me we have unusual opportunities of getting young women missionaries from England but we must take the initiative as the S. B. & M. M. do not send workers to us unless they are asked for.

I am much rejoiced to know that Mr & Mrs. Wiley are appointed to our Mission and pray that God may raise up another man and his wife to come with them.

Vengurla could be opened as a Station with little expense and in opening other Stations I do not think it necessary or wise to have large and expensive buildings.

I have read the adve to Miss Minor and she is in full sympathy with what I have written.

Am long for the return of Mr & Mrs. Hannum.

May the God of all wisdom abundantly equip you for your new duties

Yours in His Service
Amanda M. Jefferson.

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MR. SPEER

Sangli, Aug. 3, 1899.

Mr. R.D. Speer, Sec.

156 Fifth Ave New York City, U.S.A.

My Dear Speer,

The Mission has just taken the following action viz.

"That we ask the Board to send us a man in place of Miss Sherman."

I ought to say that this motion was started on its circulation round the mission before the news of the recent appointments had reached us. Whether the Board will consider all previous scores to be wiped out by these appointments I do not know. At least this motion will indicate the mission's desire for more men,- a desire which has not been at all lessened by Mr. Simonson's going home.

Mr. Jolly reached here a few days since. He looks thin but says he feels better.

Plague has begun again in Sangli. There are eight or ten deaths per day. Our school boys are all inoculated.

Everything is drying up for lack of rain. The whole country seems to be on the verge of a great famine and we are very likely to be in the midst of it. Of course you will know all about it from the papers before this reaches you. Prices are already very high and they are limiting the sale of grain to one person in the bazaar.

Sincerely,

Edgar J. Jolly

Secretary Western India Mission.

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Kalhapur, India

Aug. 5, 1899.

Mr Robt. C. Speer

Secy. R. 156, 5th Ave. N. Y.

My Dear Mr Speer:

Your letter of June - (it is with Mrs Wilder, and I forget the date) was received by us about a fortnight ago. Mrs Wilder is writing the bi-monthly letter and will probably refer to some of the subject-matter in it.

We could not quite understand your statement that as Miss Sherman had left Kodoli, the need of a physician (Miss Dr. Mr. Arthur) was removed. We thought that as Miss S. had been administering simple medicines to many, and people continued to come after she went away, the need of a Dr. was greater than ever, especially as the Tedfords & Miss Brown are sorely pressed in attending to other wants.

You probably see telegrams about the drought extending all over this Presidency. We are hardly over the effects of the famine of 1896-7, when a worse one seemed to threaten us. We have scarcely had any rain since the 7th July, and not heavy before that, tho July is the wettest month of the year. Our poor Ktians' little fields are drying up and the skies are as bright as ever. The Ted-

God is already obliged to start relief works.

I believe, with you, that this Kolhapur field is a hard and ^{un}responsive one, but under existing conditions it may not seem strange. I cannot help believing that many converts are not more than nominal, and the "Six Principles" that we have been trying to apply in carrying out our policy of urging a spirit of independence, is a severe test and tends to make the number of accessions less, undoubtedly. Better have one sound convert, than fifty who may frequently bring disgrace upon the church, or show no growth in the Christian life.

Meanwhile the more intelligent classes are feeling the effects of persistent witness-bearing, and I have not the least doubt that God is accomplishing his purpose through us as fully as he did thro discouraged & weeping Jeremiah.

It is quite remarkable that many Brahman youths here in K. have Bibles or Gospels in their homes. Yesterday one told me that a friend had bought from a shop-keeper an Eng. book called "Mother, Home & Heaven". who had begun to use it for wrapping up groceries.

The Theol. term ends on the 15th Aug. There are five students in the (Senior) class. Mr. Brown's man from Vengurla will stand the best examination.

I have a class of students (about 30) an hour daily in the Y. M. C. A. room, about 15 of whom voluntarily

come to my English Bible Class Sunday mornings.

I lecture every other Saturday in the Y. M. C. A. room from 30 to 45 English-speaking Hindus usually come, filling nearly every bench. Last Sat. I had splendid attention when lecturing nearly an hour on "The Plan of Redemption Succinctly Stated."

Generally our health has been good, and our children are "tough"; but, this continued unseasonable weather is unhealthy, and Mrs Seiler, Mr Gohren, Mrs Gohren and Mrs Wilder have been more or less upset lately. Mrs S. is up again but the hot dry weather lessens her energy.

I walked to a village yesterday and felt the need of rest & sleep all the middle of the day.

Mr Jolly is back from Australia, but the result of his trip is, upon the whole, disappointing, tho he thinks he has physically improved. Mr Simonson has to go to the U. S. and it looks as if we were going to be more under-handed than ever. The new appointments are opportune. May the Lord give us wisdom, well-balanced judgment and strength to pass through the famine that seems to be impending.

With our united regards, I am

Most Sincerely Yours,
G. W. Seiler

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ST. LOUISStolchapur S. M. C.
August 10th 1899

My dear Mr. Speer-

As we have so recently returned to our dear old Stolchapur-it is with some hesitancy that I accept the invitation to write so soon the Bi-Monthly Station Letter. I have just been reading over with great interest & satisfaction your letter of June to our Western India Mission. We have felt very much the death of dear Dr. Gillespie - who for so many years has been looking after the interests of our mission & writing to us. We were glad when we heard that you had been appointed to take

his place. Knowing how fully you
sympathize with plans to carry the
Gospel more rapidly into the
Cities & Villages of this dark
Kingdom, & the surrounding
Native States. But our Missionaries
who have recently left us on furlough
will tell you about the labors they
have had to contend with, which my
daughter & I have not yet had much
time to observe & investigate. Although
missionary work seems to progress
slowly in this proud & bigoted
part of India, yet I confess that
I see very many encouragements.
We feel very sorry to have Mr. Simonson
leave, & greatly hope that he may soon
regain his eyesight, & that all our
other absent Missionaries may ere
long return to us in the fullness of
God's blessing. We are very glad
to hear that our Board are sending to
us, Mr & Mrs Wiley. There seems to be
a very strong feeling in the mission
that more men are greatly needed
here.

Mr Cohen, & Mr Seiler our only brethren
missionaries at this station, when not
suffering in health are much occupied
with Christian work, in our City & some
of the near villages. Mr Cohen has
lately had the joy of baptizing a man
& his wife at Missi. And he has
the care of several poor Christians who
live in near villages. And he
superintends our large & very interesting
Sabbath School. Both he & Mr Seiler
are giving some time this rainy season
to a Theological class training young
men for teachers, pastors, & evangelists.
I much enjoy visiting our girls
Boarding School, under the motherly
watchful care of Mrs Cohen. Fourteen
of the older girls of this school are in
my Sunday school class. Some of them
will perhaps be very useful as teachers
& Bible women. Mrs Seiler besides
the care & instruction of her young
children, has Bible classes, & helps
Bible women in their work, & she has
care of the work & teaching in our sewing
Society.

My daughter Grace has charge of three
schools in the city, & does some house
to house visiting. I have visited her
schools, & been with her to some of our
near villages. At the village of Wadgaon
some 12 miles from here we met 17 native
Christians. At Nerla 8 miles away 12
Christians gathered with us for prayer.
Our Bible woman Paoneebai, gave a lesson
of Christian unity by the illustration of
the Bamboo trees, which grow in groups. So
are its branches entwined with the trees of
its group that to remove one is well nigh
impossible. We would like to give more
time to visiting Christian homes, & to Geneva
work. A few days ago the ladies of our
Mission were invited to a Prize-Giving at
the girls school in the Palace, where two
hundred girls were gathered. The recitations
& dialogues were interesting. Prize gifts
were presented to many bright young
girls, by the two queens (Ranis) who were
present. It does seem very pleasant
& encouraging to see so many good
readers while in 1852 or 3. I could
find in this city of 44 thousand only
one woman who knew her letters.

But it is sad to see the neglect of all
Bible & religious teaching in our
Government schools. But Missionary
Ladies may visit many of these
dear girls in their homes where they
will listen to us & receive our
Christian books.

We hear often from our young
Ladies at Miraj, & have recently
enjoyed a visit from Miss Hamilton.
They seem to be getting on well in
the study of the Language. For some
reasons it seemed the best plan
for them to stay with our missionaries
in the ^{town} village of Miraj, until our
next Mission Meeting, when we
hope the Mission may decide in
regard to our Settlement Location.
Our village Christians are much on
our hearts because of a threatened
famine. After showers, & considerable
seed sowing, we have had now for
days a hot sun pouring its rays

upon tender plants. A famine seems threatening. We shall need to supply work to our Christian people.

The erection of recitation rooms for our Boarding School for girls here, would meet both the need of female relief & of School accommodation.

Would my old friend Dr Wood Halsey help us in this? I would not close without expressing my personal joy in seeing him a Secretary of our Board. We knew him so well in Princeton. Hoping this may find yourself & dear Mrs Spear & your little son well. With our affectionate regards I am yours in Christ's service
Eliza J. Wilder

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MR. SPEER,

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I cannot now very well explain
some difficulties that seem to surround
the question of the Village Settlement.
Pray for us that our missionaries
at our next mission meeting may
rightly look on all sides of the question
& have Divine guidance.

We are greatly looking forward to
the time of our seeing our dear Robert
again in India. I often think what
a joy it will be to our Christian people
as well as to us, if he ever comes back
to the home of his birth & childhood
where his father built so well laid
foundations so wisely with Gods help.
I had thought Western India would
be his field, as he is so much at home
in our Marathi language, which he &
his sister could read & write well when
they were children. But if it be
Gods will may he visit the Colleges in
all parts of India as it seems from

The recent letters that he inclines to do.
His heart has long been very much with the
University Students of India. I hope that
you & our Board may pray much that
Gods blessing may rest on him & his
work & family. & on our Holapur Mission.

I have great reason to thank God that
I can write with my own hand this letter.
~~My arm continues to improve but it is~~
~~not yet quite well~~

affectionately
E. J. P.

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Sangli, India, Aug. 11, 1899.

Mr. R.E.Speer, Sec.

156 Fifth Ave, New York City, U.S.A.

My Dear Speer,

The mission has just passed the following action : - That Mr. Simonson be permitted to return to the United States at once. As Mr. Simonson is by this time on the Atlantic this permission is a little late; but his going was so sudden that it was impossible to get formal action before.

Plague continues very bad here. There were seventeen deaths one day this week. The crop prospects for India are a little better than last week but the possibility of famine is still before us.

Sincerely,

Edg. A. M. Wilson

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Kathleen Lueda
Aug. 17, 1899.

Dear Mr. Speer,
I only just
a word to say that it
seems we are now on
the eve of another famine.

Indeed the people have
now to be helped daily.
The wells & tanks are
much lower than during
the famine of '97. During
the first part of the year
of '97 rains fell that
added greatly to the water
supply. Now I must be
sick at heart to think

In order that Dr McArthur may not
be disappointed on arrival in India
you may be reminded her of the Board's
& Mission's rule = that all new missionaries
are stationed on the ground - or at
arrival on the field.

of another year of
distitution & death. but
as long as there is a
drop of water in the
never failing ocean
may we not hope that
the true God of India
will cause it to ascend
& fall in showers over
this with its gaping fields
& blasted hills.

Travelling Yours
(in haste)

L. B. Leeson

Very many thanks for
the added to proposition.

Do not return
P. G. W.

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Winnipeg, ~~Man~~

Aug 17th

Dear Miss Wilder,

Thank

you very much for your
two letters, also for Dr.
Wanless' account. This is
higher than we expected,
but it is quite natural
that in the first rough
estimate Dr. Wanless could
not know the exact cost,
and I think all that was
done was necessary. I
am glad you thanked
him for the trouble he has
taken, it did mean con-
siderable time and thought.

two children. Mrs. Gates who is here as
you may know for treatment has just
stopped in on her way to prayers and
reports the baby's temperature fluctuating in
about an hour from 99 to 102.

We will this coming Sunday
specially pray for the Settlement and its
location as you suggest. We doubt whether
the Lord ^{will} show us His choice for our location
before you are able to do further touring;
but if we do all we can and trust Him fully
I do not doubt all will be made clear

and he planned all so
well. Their baby has
been very sick, some of
us did not expect it
to live, the last three days
though it has been better.
The teeth that are causing
the fever are not all through
yet. Poor little one. Kurr.
Wanless is naturally almost
worn out. If the baby
recovers sufficiently, Fedra-
Wanless said some time
ago she would go in to
Kolhapur the end of this
month and asked me if
I would go with her. I
think if possible I will go,
she would find it hard
to get along alone with the

in His own time. If you
could be with us over
Sunday I know we could
pray ~~much~~ better over the
matter, do ~~T~~ you think you
could, dear Miss Wilder?

I saw that Board letter
at the Wilsons' though it
has not come here yet, and
was very sorry to see how
even Dr. Speer fails to
understand matters. A
Doctor could not practice
at once and could study
the language here for a few
months there as well as
anywhere, in fact much
better than in a village
where no good pundit would
be available. We none of
us understand how they can

arrange about the funds
if Dr. Cooper is transferred.
Do you not know the one
who was to furnish the
funds for a Doctor for the
Settlement? Do you suppose
with the funds offered for
this special purpose they
will keep the donor waiting
a year or so? I feel sure
a consecrated lady doctor
in the Settlement would
add greatly to its usefulness
and would bring many
within reach of the Gospel whom
we could reach in no other
way. The Wilsons have
some hope that our letter
and Dr. Wainless' written
some weeks ago may reach

prayers this morning - please pray for us
in this. I feel so weak in the matter, even
without exposition, of course, it is very
difficult, but I am sure it is God's will
and He gives strength for all to which
He calls us. I have always found the
richest blessings in attempting the im-
possible things to which He has called.

I rejoice with you in the
progress of those four women in Bible
study. I wish I could help Amanda Thakur
to receive further preparation for Christian
work - I have become much interested

The Board in time to affect
their decision, but probably
now there it would be too
~~late~~ late to write about
the matter to the Board or
to Dr. Cooper. If she does
not come it may be God's
ordering, but I fear, rather,
man's mistake - I suppose
you will send some
answer to Mr. Speer.

We were very sorry
to hear of plague in Kolhapur.
I trust it may be God's will
it should not spread.

Motiram's wife and
two children are I suppose
now on their way here.

We commenced Marathi

in her and she is attached
to me. I think her character
and Christian life are
maturing, especially through
some recent trying ex-
periences. She continues
to go into the town on
Sunday afternoons - Miss
Scheuman and I go with
her. Mrs. Gates went
one Sunday and talked
so sweetly. Miss Foster
accompanied us some
time ago - she is slowly
getting well.

Mrs. Gates sends
her love. Love to your
mother. With a kiss
Ever lovingly yours,
Alice H. Miles.

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MR. SPEER

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Nodali Kollopor India
August 23-1899.

My Dear Mr. Speer

With sadness of heart-
I have to write you that as things
now appear we are on the eve
of another awful famine.

The very thought of such to a
miscreant who knows what an
awful famine means is in
many ways both very trying
and humiliating.

The serious feature of the present
devastation is that it seems to
be an almost-general failure
of drinking & irrigating water.
The water upon which the poor
people of this torrid land so
much depend (about the
only thing that is not taxed)

The wells have rarely ever been
known to be so low. Hence the
barbed fields appealing to these
underground stores of water
while the only resource is the
frankness of the drills and
blast coming up from their
very lowest depths.

But the beginning of the season
of 97 good rains fell in
sufficient quantity to provide
a good supply of drinking &
irrigating water, but this year
things are quite different.

How very sorry we feel for our
poor people, with whom now it
is going hard - the people
of whom I recently gave you
a full account. Even now

now the prices are high and our
people & our adherents are
daily appealing to our very
limited means of relief.
And as the State authorities are
quite against us of late, we
can not look to them for help
it seems.

Now Mr. Speer in behalf of the
Panchala Stationery & through
you lay our cause before
the Proprietor of the Chinshankar
& other true & trustworthy friends.
May they see that the Plague
& famine are again heavy in
India - upon the Chinshankar and
the brethren; that the rain is
now withheld from the evil
& the good.

Oh how we feel our helplessness

as we look at every sign of rain
vanishing before us!

Remember us home said we would not
give up hope so long as the great
depths of the Indian Ocean were
ready to be evaporated and distilled
upon us in blessed rain. But as
there are only about 10 or 15
days of the rainy season left.
our faith is sorely tried.

May you good people read the papers
& Indian telegrams & may some
be able to help us. in my
prayer for Jesus so be.

Yours very truly

L. B. Secord.

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Sangli, S. M. C.
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MR. SPEER

25th Aug. 1899

P. E. Speer Esq.
156 Fifth Ave
New York.

My dear Mr. Speer,

It was with great sorrow I heard during my absence from India of the sad death of our Secretary Dr. J. Gillerpie. Because of his courtesy & kindness to us all we loved him dearly. How strange to us that God should remove so useful a man as he was with all his experience. But He knows best & works in love to us all, although His acts are so little understood by us now.

You heard that owing to prolonged illness it was considered best that I go to Australia for a change. I was there a little over 3 months and from the Station nearly 5 months. The result of the trip was not all we hoped for. I did not gain to the extent I expected, but still I was benefitted a good deal and have felt different since. It is now nearly 4 weeks since my return & I am glad to say that during these weeks I have gained considerably & I trust I am now fairly on the road towards complete recovery. I was very glad to find all my dear ones well when I returned.

You will remember that Sangli Station has had the sum of Rupees 5,600 placed in the estimates for several years past, for the purpose of enlarging our school and dormitory accommodation. This sum has not been placed in the appropriations for the current year, even when the expenditure seemed to be approved by the Board, in as much as Miss Milder was authorized to raise the required amount during her recent furlough.

We need the accommodation badly and we have calculated that our best plan is to utilize our old school for dormitory and have ^{but} one new building to erect for a school, we can in this way get most for the money expended.

Now a practical difficulty meets us, it is this, that until we know definitely how much we have to spend we cannot lay the foundation for the much needed school. Besides this, it is unhappily almost certain that there will be famine and much suffering before long, and if you can give us the assurance that the balance of the sum needed & asked for will be placed at our disposal, we can get the work under way at a time when work is most needed.

I am glad that so much has been contributed already. We have on hand Rs 3,994-9-8 for this work, leaving a balance of say 1605 Rupees to be

provided to complete the Rs 5,600 asked for.

M^r Hand kindly sent out to M^r Graham, last year the sums collected by Miss G. Wilder shortly after he received them in the hope that the work would be proceeding without delay.

But which of you, desiring to build a tower doth not first sit down & count the cost, whether he have wherewith to complete it? Lest they may say "this man began to build and was not able to finish."

Your early & favorable reply will be much appreciated by the Station Mission.

With kindest regards

I remain Yours Sincerely

John Jolly.

P.S. Bubonic plague is again bad in Sangli worse than ever it was last year. As many as 150 to 160 die in a week. The wife of the Chief of Sangli State died of the disease 12 days ago. & over 30 of the Chief's personal servants & attendants have also died, so the plague is no respecter of persons & reigns in the Palace as well as the hovel, so that Chief & all has had to leave & go to meaner quarters. J. J.

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S.S. Spartan Prince

Feb. 22nd

~~W. H. H. H.~~

My dear Mr. Spear

I want to
trail you a line as
soon as I reach Naples
to let you know of my
safe arrival. It has
been on the whole a
very pleasant journey.
Our Father has been
so good to me all along,
I have been well and
have enjoyed making
the acquaintance of a
number of the passengers.

and I know it will be so the remainder
of the way.

We expect now to reach Naples
some time on the 25th, so I hope to
see a glimpse of my Italian friends.
The weather on our voyage so far
has been mostly rather stormy or
at least cloudy, and we were disap-
pointed this morning in not being
able to see more than the light and
dim outline of Gibraltar, as we passed
at 4 A.M. on a cloudy night. It is

a few are earnest
Christian people. I only
had a chance to feel
lonely the first few
minutes on board
and then a lady from
Phila. spoke to me - a
sentimental friend who
had told her I would
be on this steamer and
alone and asked her
to look out for me. It
has been very pleasant
to be at table and else-
where with her and her
family. I felt sure friends
would be raised up
wherever I needed them.

also only saw the Azores
at a distance. But I was
glad we had no delay
there -

This has been a
very interesting day,
first seeing the sunrise,
with its exquisite soft
tints on the cloudy sky,
and then all day watch-
ing the Sierra Nevada.
Their snow-capped peaks
often wreathed in light
grey clouds so that we
could scarcely tell where
one ended and the other
began -

Feb. 25th Naples. We
reached here at half past
four this afternoon, after

several days of beautiful
weather. I find, strange
to say, our steamer was
not expected here till
the 28th, and news had
not reached the city of
our coming - although
we signalled twice -
so I looked in vain
for Cook's Agent, who
had been written to to
meet me, but I expect
instead of taking a train
this evening for Roue, to stay
on board till Monday.

Please remember
me to Miss Dickey.

I feel so glad of
having had the privilege
of meeting our leaders
in New York, and of
attending a few times the
little prayer meeting. It
makes one feel so strong
to know that others are
praying for us. I hope
you will continue to
remember me.

Thanking you again
for your helpful words
at the little farewell
meeting and for all your
kindness to me, believe me,
Very sincerely yours,
Alice L. Giles.

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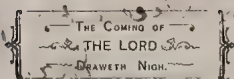
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4th September 1899

My Dear Mr Speer:

Allow me to
renew application for extension
of my furlough. I write this
now in view of the nearness
of the limit fixed by the Board,
October 15th, and in view of
the continuance of the same
causes that originally
prompted the request. I regret
every day of delay in return
to the field, especially since



American Presbyterian Mission.

Ratnagiri,

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MR. SPEER.

My dear Dr. Gillespie -
May I write freely
to you of another matter the Holy Spirit
has been bringing a great & long
mind of late? In your letter of
April 23, 1891 concerning Miss Minnis
and my appointment to this field
is the following sentence: "Miss
Jefferson added, that public school
having a normal course and a
year at Northfield Seminary etc."
While this statement is what I
represented to the Board it is
not true. I can say as David
did "I will declare my iniquity, I
will not deny, carry for my sin."
The facts are as follows: I entered

Northfield Seminary late in December of
year — and the following May
Mr. Moody asked me if I would be
willing to give up my studies for
a time and go to Mount Hermon
as, more help was needed there
I considered respecting to return in
a few months. I did not return
though I remained at Mount Hermon
some eight months when I was
called away. I should not have
stated to the Board that I had spent
a year in the Seminary. I should
also have said that I was in a
normal school for three months only.
I can scarcely understand why
I should have so misrepresented
things. But it was from a desire
to be more highly thought of than
I deserved. I have realized for
some time that I do not deserve
the confidence that has been shown

one by the new Secy of the Board.
Three years ago I wrote making a
partial statement of this matter
to Mr. Speer and later I explained
a part of the "Normal Course" to Dr.
Bison. But of late it has come to
me that I should write to you and
get your permission to change
the sentence. I referred to in your
letter to our Mission. That I should
like to meet after Normal Course
three months and instead of year
about four months. Will you also
make the same changes in the
copy of the letter in your office?
Thank you for your kind letter
of August 5th. Miss Minor & I
hope to stay until the spring

of 1900.

Our mission meeting with its
responsibilities and pleasures will
soon be upon us. There is great
need this year as we experienced
it of "heavenly wisdom in appointing
the principals of our two boarding
schools" as well as in other very
important matters to come up.

About the time this letter reaches you
the meeting will have begun. Unite
with us in prayer for the guidance
of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Jesus

Augusta E. Jefferson

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SEP 18 1899
MR. SPEER.

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New Albany Ind
Sept 11 1899

Mr Robert Speer
156 Fifth Ave.
New York

Dear Mr Speer:

I find that home
food & climate are as strengthening
& helpful as was my month at
sea. My eyes trouble me oc-
casionally but I can use
them more than I had hoped.

I feel that I ought to let
you know that I am ready
to be used, as I am able, to
work for India among our home
churches. I have had quite a
long rest since my eyes have
troubled me and think I ought
to be working again.
I spoke in the first church

him yesterday morning. The pastor
of the Church warned me that
the people were not greatly in-
terested in Foreign Missions. However
I had a very good audience & good
attention.

Yours Sincerely
G. H. Simonsen

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Mr. Robt. E. Speer.

Dear Mr. Speer.

Your interesting letter
announcing the fact that I have
been accepted by the Board for
service in India, has been
received. I accept very cheerfully
the appointment, as from the Lord.

Already I have begun preparations
and have written to Mr. & Mrs.
Hamm in Ohio - and Miss.
Emily Schermer in India -
for information. I await further
orders from the Board as to
my route and time of departure.
as I have not yet heard from
Mr. Harrel, but hope to, soon.

Any information, you can give,
in regard to Miraj, or my
work, will be very much
appreciated. The pamphlets

reports you sent, have been received
and I am grateful to you for them.

Thanking you for kind wishes
and sympathy, I am,

Yours in Christian Fellowship
Mary F. Stewart.

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Baywood, Calif.
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Mr. Robt. E. Speer
Board of Foreign Missions
New York.

Dear Sir;

Yours of recent date regarding the need of a medical missionary for the Western India Mission has been received. I have waited a few days to give the matter careful and prayerful consideration and now I am ready to say "Here, and send me."

The call came as a surprise to me as I had no expectation of being sent before next year and it will probably be late in November before I could go.

I had earnestly hoped that when I would be sent there might be others going with me.

same time. I am unaccustomed
to traveling, having never
been outside the bounds of my
native state. Consequently I
dread the thought of undertaking
such a journey alone.

But, "Anywhither with Jesus,
I can safely go," and as I commit
this care to Him, I rejoice in
the thought that I am
accounted worthy to share
such a work as that to which
you invite me. I realize that it means
hard ship and sacrifice, but
what a privilege to tell of "the
unsearchable riches of Christ"
to those in heathen darkness.

As you have written to another
young woman, concerning the
same opening, it is possible
we may both have volunteered,
and of course I shall not know
whether or not I am to go until

I hear from you. If there are others going out this Fall, I should be glad to try to arrange to go with them. Should you decide that I am to go, will you kindly give me all possible information, as to how and when I shall go, necessary equipment, medical supplies etc.

Hoping to hear from you soon,
I am
Yours in the Master's Service.
Mary S. Stewart.

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On board S. S. Imperator.
Mediterranean Sea.
Oct 5, '99.

Mr Robert C. Speer,
New York.

Dear Sir,

I had intended to send you a letter from Trieste, but had to spend all my spare time searching for our trunk and then failed to find them. They left Paris a train ahead of us. I stopped at each frontier town and was told always that they had gone on to Trieste. When we reached Trieste Monday they had not appeared. We inquired concerning them and learned that they were lying at Lugano, Italy which as you know is not a frontier town. No explanation could be given why they had been taken off there, but we were assured that they would come on the next train.

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9th October 1899

My Dear Mr. Speer:

Your letter

of 19th September was received,
and I thank you and the
Board for the extension of
furlough and allowance.

We have had the happiness
of receiving a daughter, born
yesterday. Mrs. Hannum is
in a hospital and under
the care of an able physician.

She is doing well.

I am studying Sanskrit at Ohio State University, and believe it will be of great help in my language work in India.

I understand you are to visit the Synod of Ohio at Springfield this week. I wish we might see you in Columbus. Is it not possible?

Yours Faithfully,
William H. Hannum.

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Kolhapur, India
Oct 13, 1899

Mr. Robt. C. Speer, Secy 156 5th Ave. N.Y.

Dear Bro: [I have been requested by a

Native official to inquire what the approximate cost of a thousand bushels of maize corn would be including cost of transportation to Bombay. I suppose he means shelled maize. Kindly ascertain & let me know soon. We are passing through very hard times. The "latter rain" also seems to be failing, and the fierce heat is drying up the rice crop that had revived by a few showers a fortnight ago. We also have the plague in Kolhapur, Kodoli and Nerla out-station, and the work of segregation, building bamboo huts, helping Native Nations that are, by segregation, cut off from means of earning a living, keep our minds & bodies occupied - and lighten our purse. As our compound is full and plague spreads so insidiously, we are anxious. [Nearly all ^{in compound} have been inoculated with Haffkine's plague serum; Mrs Seiler was not inoculated as the weakness of her heart would make it dangerous. Besides the approaching famine & the increasing plague we have political troubles, as the regime here is called a "Reign of Terror". The British Political Agent is very autocratic & high-handed in his ways, and in the "alleged poisoning case" now proceeding will not come off with credit. I trust the Lord will tide us over these unprecedented troubles
yours truly E. M. Seiler

Capes like this is very scarce in the mission unless our Mission Secretary E. M. Seiler has recently received a supply.

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119 Ohio Ave., Columbus, O.

31st October 1899

My Dear Mr. Speer:

Let me acknowledge with many thanks your kind letter of 25 th inst. and the two books, which came yesterday. I have had time only to glance over them, but am sure that I shall find them spiritually stimulating. I shall specially prize the one that you yourself wrote. I shall send a note of acknowledgment to Dr. Pierson.

We are all in tolerable health. My wife is at home now from the hospital. My boy Robert just now has one of his old attacks of fever &c but it is not very severe.

I am pleased with the study of Sanskrit and with the teacher whom I have secured. I am still doing a little talking on India, that is chiefly in and near Columbus.

My wife joins in kindest regards.

Yours Cordially,

William H. Annen

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Mr R. C. Speer, Secy &

156, Fifth Ave. N. Y.

Dear Mr Speer:

Dy Miraj, India, Nov 3/99

At our Annual Meeting just coming to a close, the following Motion was passed;

Moved, that the President appoint a committee of five to represent the Mission in raising & distributing a Famine Relief Fund, the Com. to have authority to apportion funds as they may see fit; and that the Board be requested to cable to our Treasurer and funds for the purpose, ~~above Five Hundred and under Five Thousand Rupees for the present.~~

The Secretary then appointed the Secretaries of the Stations as the Com. on the Famine Relief Fund.

[A]lready the famine is at our very doors, and the poor, especially our church people have been appealing to and receiving help from Missionaries.

Some showers of rain in October only benefited limited districts of the country, and even there the demand for grain has made it very dear.

Three aspects of this terrible affliction we would bring to the notice of the Board

1. Following in the wake of that of 1897 this famine finds the people almost in a state of bankruptcy, many are still groaning under debts incurred then.
2. There is an alarming scarcity of water. In these

parts there has been only a third of the usual rainfall, and during the rainy season it was very common to see men deepening what were supposed to be unfailing wells.

3. This year we are facing a double affliction - Famine and Plague. With few exceptions the whole of our native Christian community has been or is now in segregation quarters, many of them near missionary residences.

It is worthy of consideration that in the case of our Christian people the Indian authorities - especially village officials - look to the missionaries for support of native Christians during famine.

The Committee have decided to ask the Board to cable to our Treasurer any sum from 500 to 5000 rupees that may be available at present.

Yours sincerely

J. W. Peiler, Chairman

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Mr Robt. E. Speer

156 Fifth Ave
New York.

My dear Mr Speer

Your letter of was duly received
also the copy of "Remembers Jesus Christ" for which
I thank you very much. I have only had time to
read a few pages but I am sure I shall find
blessing in reading it.

mission meeting is over & the minutes will
reach you in due course. With the location of
the Wileys & D^r M^r Arthur at Ratingivi all
the missionaries have returned to their respective
stations. Some have already started on tours.

We came up here a week ago on account
of our little baby Esther who has been ill now
for four months. She continues to have fever
which seems to be chiefly connected with
early dentition. She has only nine months old &
has twelve teeth through. Of late I have begun
to fear the development of tuberculosis though
with the exception of enlarged lymphatic glands
in the neck which may not be tuberculous - there is
no positive evidence of the presence of that
disease as yet. For nearly three months now
we have been obliged to resort to the use of cold
packs & sponging to keep down the fever & it is
only since we came here that we have been

able to take her into the open air. She has gained some in flesh in the past two weeks, but how long this fever will continue & how long the poor little thing will be able to withstand the weathering effects of the fever is uncertain. For some time past it has been necessary to use stimulants to keep up her wasting strength. We have lost three children already in India from lung disease either as a primary disease or as a complication; to even think of the loss of a fourth is crushing. Surely it will not be in vain that so many have been toying with us for our darling all these months.

I am thankful to report most of our mission circle well at this time. With the assistance of her husband I operated on Mrs Dr Wilson for appendicitis about two months ago. She made an uneventful recovery. The condition found at the operation showed that surgical interference was not undertaken any too soon.

Poor McGahen I fear he returned to India too soon after his last furlough. He is ageing very rapidly & seems to be losing energy. I his days of active missionary service are near their end. He is able still to carry on his work but it is quite evident that the strain is telling on him. Mr McGahen is very courageous however & is doing the full

work of a missionary.

Mr & Mrs Town though not actually ill evidently need the change which they anticipate taking in the Spring.

The recent action of the Board with regard to health certificates is gratifying. Such action has been indicated for a good many years in my judgment.

The plague has practically died out at Pungli & is diminishing at Kodole. It continues at Kolhapur though not severe.

At Kodole Dr Wilson inoculated all the Christians & some 300 additionally among the Hindus. I went down from here the other day & inoculated 236 more. It is a cause for thankfulness that there has not been a single attack of plague ^{this year} in any of our Christian communities where the disease has prevailed. Miraj is still free of the disease & there is every prospect that we will escape an outbreak ^{here} this year entirely.

You will perhaps be interested to learn that we are likely to have a change of Residents in Kolhapur at the beginning of the year.

The recent actions of the present incumbent are a disgrace to the name of England. His name is a synonym for lying, deception & crookedness in every house in Kolhapur & in every district of the Southern Maratha Country. I

have written you a separate letter with regard to
estimates & the settlement.

With warmest regards.

Believe me

your friend & brother in Christ
W. J. Franklin

From W. J. Franklin
Personal

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Panama Nov 18th /99

Mr Robt. E. Speer

156 Fifth Ave

New York

My dear Mr Speer -

With regard to the estimates under class VI of Miraj Station you will doubtless not a considerable increase over last year. The increase you will ~~however~~ observe is due to the item Rs 1800 asked for for a native physician made necessary by the transfer of Dr Wilson to Kodole. Leaving out this item you will note a reduction of several hundred rupees. Regarding this item (Rs 1800) a word of explanation seems desirable. The work in Miraj has grown too heavy for one physician. Still it was felt by the mission that the two male medical missionaries in the Miraj should not be permanently located at Miraj in view of the needs of other parts of the field. The location of Dr McArthur at Miraj would doubtless have relieved the situation to some extent. With language study however practically the only help she would be able to render for two years would be to relieve me of some of the teaching in the medical class. Then again following the decision to locate Dr Wilson at Kodole it seemed best to send a medical lady to the Kinkar & Dr McArthur was accordingly appointed to Patungiri where she will have an uninterrupted opportunity

for language study. The plan now is to engage a fully qualified Indian physician, a man with a university degree who would be competent to teach & relieve me of the hospital & dispensary work when touring or otherwise absent from the station. I am not so sure however that we will be able to secure a suitable man for the sum named. Many Indian university medical graduates draw larger salaries than we missionaries do. Still we felt that we ought not to ask for more than this sum for an Indian assistant. Failing to secure a suitable man or the Board failing to appropriate the sum required for his salary the mission, I presume will make temporary provision for the continuance of the Medical Class through either one of the medical ladies who will then be on the field.

Since the adjournment of mission meeting a plan has suggested itself to me which might be found to work satisfactorily. It is this. Could the Board not find a suitable single young man, a recent graduate, who would be willing to come to India for a limited number of years, ^(say five) on a moderate salary of ^(say \$400 to \$500 a year)? There were, during the year I traveled for the S V M among the medical schools, a number of earnest Christian young

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 men about to graduate who would have been glad of such an opportunity to gain medical experience but who did not see their way clear to undertake foreign work as a life work. I understood that an arrangement similar to the above exists in connection with the Hospital in Beirut Syria of which Dr Post is at the head.

In this arrangement ~~the~~ ^{the} question of the language would not be essential since the teaching is in English. This man in taking the place of the medical missionary ^{during absence} in charge of the Dispensary & Hospital, could do so ~~as~~ ^{as} there are interpreters - an English speaking medical assistant already in the Hospital. This arrangement I believe would be much more satisfactory than the employment of an Indian physician & in the end ought not to be any more expensive.

Inasmuch as this plan occurred to me since mission meeting I have not submitted it to the brethren for consideration but I feel sure that the Mission would approve the plan if the Board were to find a suitable man. The S. V. M. Secretary for the Medical Schools could probably suggest some candidates for the place in case the plan met with the approval of the Board.

Two years ago the Mission appointed a Committee

to correspond with the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society & the Board with regard to the establishment of a branch medical mission and training institute in connection with the Miraj Hospital. It was hoped that the E. M. M. S. might be able to co-operate with us in the work of training Indian Medical Assistants by sending a man of their own & making the work a branch of the Agra School. Dr. Vallentine the principal of that school favored the plan but the home society has taken no action owing I understand to the lack of funds. The Committee has been discontinued but the unanimous feeling of the mission is that we should ^{now} make the class permanent under mission auspices.

The first class of four will graduate next March & we expect to begin a new class in June next with at least six new students.

Of the present class one will be retained in the Miraj Hospital one will revert to the A. B. C. F. M. mission who have supported him while with us & two will be available for work in new out stations as indicated by the estimates. I will send you next mail a copy of the report of the Travancore Medical Mission which will indicate our plan for the future with regard to this field. Medical work in this mission

may never reach the dimensions of the
 Transvaal Medical Mission still this
 report will indicate the line of work
 we are now contemplating

I wish it might be possible to ascertain
 the judgment of the Board, or at least
 your own judgment, with regard to the
 employment of the 1800 Roper Indians
 they mean at an early date as it will
 take time to find a suitable man and
 Dr Wilson is to leave here in March.

Yours Sincerely
 W. Branson

P.S. With reference to the Auditing Committee's
 report for the last fiscal year & referring
 especially to Hospital receipts you will notice
 that the former practice is maintained
 awaiting the Board's reply.

W. Branson

Ask Head

From ^WGranger
re Estimates, Medical Class etc

Jan Lala Nov 22nd / 99

Mr Robt E. Speer

156 Fifth Ave

New York

My dear Mr Speer

You have asked me for some "inside facts" with regard to the Settlement. The mission in its recent meeting spent the best part of two whole sessions in consideration of the "Settlement plan". Apart from the feeling of the Settlement ladies themselves the mission was practically a unit in the decisions arrived at & which have doubtless been transmitted to you before this.

With reference to Mr Wilder the subject is a delicate one but I think most of us have the feeling that it would not be right to station so old a lady in a village away from the vicinity of a resident physician. There is also a decided feeling in the mission that it would not be just to other ladies of the Settlement to ask them to live in the same house with Mr Wilder. The experience of the Settlement last hot season at Mahabeshwar, I think, convinced the Settlement ladies themselves that separate homes in the future would be necessary for the sake of unity & harmony. Mr Wilder is a devoted Christian & a remarkable woman in

in many ways but every family in which she
has lived, (she was with us in Sangli for nearly two
years & with the ~~Seeds~~ in Kolhapur for a longer
period.) have the feeling that it were much
preferable if she could have a separate
establishment, Hence the action of the
mission in locating Miss Grace & her
mother at Kolhapur for the time being.

Of course the reason first given against the
location of Mr. Wilder in a village would not hold
in the event of a medical lady being
located in the same place but two houses
would in that case be required instead of
one for the ^{other} reasons mentioned. The Settlement
ladies are all consecrated & devoted women
& would doubtless be willing to live in the
same family ^{with Mr. Wilder} if the mission so ordered
but it is to be earnestly hoped that some
different arrangement can be made
when the time of their permanent location
arrives.

A committee has been appointed to select
& recommend places for new stations
including a location for the Settlement
but in my judgment as well as ⁱⁿ that of
the other missionaries it will probably
take two years at least before land can
be secured & a bungalow erected

Meanwhile the difficulties mentioned may
in some way right themselves. At any
rate the Settlement experiment is too young
& the matter of Mrs Wilders residence not
serious enough as to warrant out asking
for two Settlement bungalows at the outset.

Yours sincerely
W. J. Franklin

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to Settlement.

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Sangli, India.

17th Nov. 1899

Mr. R. E. Spear

156 Fifth Ave. New York

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My dear Mr. Spear.

I have been looking for a reply to my last letter sent over two months ago asking the Board to grant the balance of the sum asked for to build our new School.

I pointed out in that letter that work would be urgently needed this year of famine.

At our Annual Meeting the plans for the work were approved & we thought it best that work be at once begun as both school room for our Christians is needed & it is a good time to spend money when men are so much in need of work. So I have begun the work & I earnestly hope that before what we have on hand is spent the balance will be forthcoming. I hope if you have not already done so, you will make a special case of this & get the sum appropriated before the usual time. A slight rise has been made in the estimate for the work owing to increased prices of material.

People are coming in now from outside villages begging for work & old men sometimes cry when

we are obliged to refuse them. From this on famine will rapidly increase. During the past 3 weeks crops which gave some promise have rapidly withered away. There is scarcely any food grain within sight, growing. As the earliest harvest time in these parts is about the middle of December we have at least 13 months famine to look forward to. A gloomy outlook indeed.

I am glad to say that Plague has very much decreased in Sangli. Last week only 17 deaths were recorded & we hope it will soon die out.

I am also glad to report a further improvement in my health. Mr Jolly & family are well as are the rest of our people here.

It was a great pleasure for us to welcome Mr & Mrs Wiley & Miss McArthur. You will see they have been appointed to the Konkan side of our field.

I hope our appeal for 6 men for our field will meet with ready response at home & that next year we will have the pleasure of welcoming re-inforcements.

What may seem a large estimate for Bungalows has been put in this year. But it is quite necessary to have more bungalow accommodation in our Mission.

The increase in House accommodation has not kept pace with the increase of Missionaries. I trust money for all these will be granted. With kindest regards. Yours Sincerely, John Jolly.

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119 Ohio Ave., Columbus, Ohio

16th December 1899

Mr. R. E. Speer, Sec'y, Board F. M.

New York

My Dear Brother Speer:

Recent letters from India have brought most dreadful accounts of want in the Bombay Presidency, of which you know. I have ventured to speak of the matter lately in two churches, the Broad Street Presbyterian Church of Columbus and the Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, Ohio. In the latter over forty dollars were raised for relief, and have been, as I suppose, sent to Mr. Hand for transmission. In the former it was decided to make a special offering on the 24th inst. and envelopes were printed. As the wording was referred to me, I included the words "not to interfere with regular gifts to the Board." I am very glad to hear indirectly that the Board has granted \$1500 for famine relief, and has allowed some of the long needed items for school buildings. I hope these reports are true.

Allow me to refer to the advisability of informing furloughed missionaries of the Board's communications to the field. My stay in the United States without such information tends to unfit me to take part in the Mission's business on the field. It would be a simple and inexpensive thing to circulate among the members of the Mission in this country a copy of each letter that you write to the Mission. Please give this idea renewed consideration.

We are anxiously awaiting arrangements for sailing. We are well at present, Robert Henry having two days ago undergone tonsillotomy.

With our united regards, I remain, Faithfully Yours,

William H. Hannum